

Hopewell Valley Agricultural Advisory Committee

May 3, 2016
Board minutes

Present:

Lucia Huebner (chair), Anne Carcagno, Christopher Pazdan, George Sciarrotta, Mitchel Skolnick
Robert Miller (Administrative Officer),

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM

Minutes

The minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Public input

A member of the public Emilie Gingras resident of Ingleside Ave expressed some concern about "Roundup" being applied to a field adjacent to her property. We suggested she contact NOFA for more information about "Roundup". We also suggested she tries to negotiate with the farmer for a little more distance between the round up application and her proerty

Working Items

The application of **SADC/P.I.G.** grant for the Auer/Herbert farm is progressing.

The **voluntary livestock listing** was discouraged by Edward Wengryn of the New Jersey Farm Bureau as all lists established by the government is public and can be used by anyone. It was suggested that a friendly network of concerned farmers might be as efective.

The **deer population** has increased from 84 to 104 per square miles

New buisness

The committee will suport a resolution by the township committee to ask Governor Christie to re-lease funds allocated to "Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation" .