

RESOLUTION

R12:8/21/14

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung's Green Team has organized a Farmers' Market; and

WHEREAS, the attached Farmers' Market guidelines have been reviewed and approved by the Borough's Administrator, Attorney, Police Chief, and Fire Prevention Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung be and hereby authorizes the closure of a portion of Brookdale Road, as per attached diagram, on the following Sundays from 7:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of holding a Farmers' Market sponsored by the Borough of Watchung's Green Team:

September 14, 2016

September 21, 2014

October 5, 2014

October 12, 2014

November 2, 2014



Council



Stephen K. Pote, Mayor

Date: August 21, 2014

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Township to replace fallen arboretum barn

BY BRIAN WOODS
STAFF WRITER

WARREN TWP. – Where one structure fell a new shall rise.

After the barn at Wagner Farm Arboretum collapsed from snow last winter, the township has received an insurance settlement, which it will use in part to fund a new building.

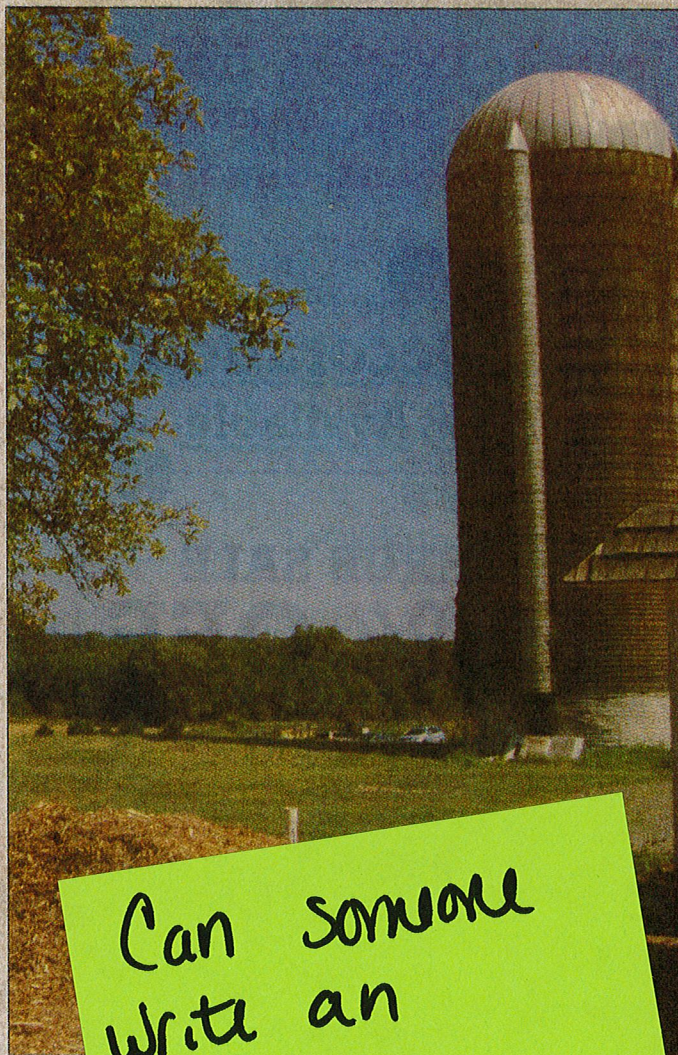
The township has appropriated the \$79,229 settlement, along with a past insurance settlement when the structure was deemed unsafe, for a total of \$336,000, along with \$270,000 of Open Space Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund monies, towards construction of a new multi-purpose building at the arboretum, located on Mountain Avenue.

The Township Committee passed the appropriation of the open space money and the \$79,229 settlement at its meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14.

“Now we have some funding and we look to get the project off the ground. It will really be beautiful and it will be another asset to Warren Township,” said Mayor Gary DiNardo of the proposed project.

Township Administrator Mark Krane said the new, 4,500-square-foot building will be built on the site of the former barn.

“The facility will be a multi-purpose space with restrooms, storage, available for use by arboretum and for recreation and



A barn at Wagner Farm Arboretum collapsed from snow last winter. Funds allocated for the new structure will be used to build a new multi-purpose building at the site.

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Farmers Market comes to Watchung

Local produce to be available starting Sept. 14

BY LORIE GREENSPAN
EDITOR

WATCHUNG – A farmers market is coming to town, two Sundays a month, beginning Sunday, Sept. 14.

The Borough Council approved a resolution at its meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21, that authorized the closure of a portion of Brookdale Road to hold the market from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates: Sept. 14, 21; Oct. 5, 12, and Nov. 2.

The farmers market is sponsored by the borough's Green Team.

Shelini Parikh, administrative assistant in the borough clerk's office as well as a member of the Green Team, told the council that to become certified by the state program, Sustainable New Jersey, Green Teams must hold events such as farmers markets, as well as engage in other green activities, such as promoting outreach material, instituting avenues for environmental preservation and encouraging recycling programs,

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such as one in which the local garden club collects bottle caps, as these are not recyclable.

"The purpose is to get towns to be more environmentally responsible and to be greener," Parikh said after the meeting.

To receive official state certification, the Watchung Green Team needs to acquire 150 points for bronze status. "With bronze we get official certification and that opens us up to applying for grants," to help promote green activities within the borough.

"We're currently waiting for the state to tally up the points we currently have," Parikh said. "We'll know by November if we get the certification."

Farmers markets, she told the council, give the team 10 points toward the 150 points. And because guidelines require all vendors to offer locally grown produce, or "Jersey Fresh," the Green Team could be acquire 10 more points.

"We have 10 confirmed ven-

dors with an additional six that want to participate," Parikh told the council.

"If 16 want to participate maybe we should consider opening it up" to include the additional six vendors, Gibbs posed, to which Mayor Stephen Pote added, "If we've got the space, why not use it?"

Parikh replied that vendor tents, according to fire officials, needed to measure 10 foot by 10 foot and secured to the ground with weights, and that some farmers would use more than one tent. "Due to possible space constraints (because of the tents) we thought 10 would be ideal," she replied.

She added that vendors also were concerned about competition and won't participate in the start-up if other competing farmers are there.

"It's a great idea," said Pote as the council voted in favor of the market. "The fact that you can act so quickly and with that interest through November is great." Pote added that the Green Team "should continue with these ideas and keep bringing them forward."

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and through its various purposes, Millington Schoolhouse has been used to serve the needs of citizens and taxpayers of Long Hill. The schoolhouse should serve the community and its future needs without becoming a burden on the Long Hill taxpayers," said Prasa, who added she would like to look at potential revenue generating programs to be held in the schoolhouse to offset the cost of keeping it running.

Prasa did not make any specific recommendations for how to use the schoolhouse, because of "too many unknown variables," with the project yet to be finished. She did, however, hint at the possibility of using it for recreation.

"The building belongs to the town and the recreation programs are the town's programs," said Prasa.

"I think we need to have a conversation with the recreation director as a first step, so we are not in the position to make a decision tonight," said Deputy Mayor Brendan Rae.

Township Attorney John Pidgeon said that he would like to look over the restrictions of the property to see if it could be used for recreation, before any decisions to move forward were made.

Prasa said that early planning grants used to fund the project were specific that the Schoolhouse not be used for a museum and that the Historic Committee consistently said it would be used for recreation programs, but she agreed that looking further into it would be the wisest decision.

"Given that it would be good to start utilizing it as soon as it is done, you should still take as much time as needed to make the right decisions," said Rae.

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for proposals (RFP) wall project but support, will be looking the project from a gle.

"We may still having on certain local wall down by the behind the Department Works offices," Councilman William Nehls meeting.

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The cliff face below the police station and buildings has become increasingly unstable be

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other committee potentially as a shelter," said Krane. Possible uses.

Krane also talked about certain group's that would be great posed space, and the future would not be for recreation center the town voted the

A subcommittee Mark Krane, woman Carolan and Committee

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members to do with students from another said Allocco, who discussed the situation into which most entered a tutement, unbeknownst to them.

"It happens," said teachers tutoring may one day, or could. "I came this close to an arrangement cause I didn't know upon myself to look and saw that I was from it, but I need staff member, but against their policy not know that it