

Town of Farmington Agriculture Advisory Committee

Minutes – January 17, 2013

Attendance: Pete Maslyn, Royal Purdy, Hal Adams, John Marvin, Jim Ochterski

Guests: David Degear, Peter Ingalsbe

1. Agriculture Planning Grant: Contract process is underway with NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. Start time for project work will be late February / early March 2013. The Committee will need to choose representatives to serve on the Farmland Planning Committee.

2. Agriculture land use issues: The Town has received a report regarding re-zoning property on the Northeast corner of Townline / New Michigan Roads. The developer has withdrawn the project from rezoning consideration, so it is no longer an issue. The project would have been high density townhomes and small houses. Generally, the change in development in that part of the town is changing the way the respective towns maintain Townline Road. Trail and parkland opportunities are coming about due to changes in the layout of Auburn Meadows.
 - The southeast corner of Collett and Hook Roads may involve incentive zoning. This would create more public land resources and possible assistance with the nearby pump station.
 - O’Connell property on Yellow Mills Road is dividing to 3 parcels, but would remain mostly agricultural. The Agriculture Advisory Committee is aware that this will create a “flag lot”.
 - Committee members and guests provided updates on various Town commercial projects, town facility projects like the new courthouse, reuse of the former highway garage, changes in local businesses and at the Finger Lake Race Track and Casino.

3. Town of Farmington Agriculture Roundtable
Jim Ochterski updated the committee and distributed the complete notes from the Farmington Agriculture Roundtable from December 12, 2012. Discussion of the possibility of an inter-municipal agriculture advisory group. Consensus that a preferred approach would be to arrange semi-annual meetings of Ag Advisory Committees in surrounding towns (Victor, Canandaigua, Manchester).

4. Organizational Meeting
Motion by John Marvin to cast one ballot to retain current committee offices (Pete Maslyn – Chair; Jim Ochterski – Vice-chair). Second by Royal Purdy. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Next meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Ochterski, Vice Chair, Town of Farmington Agriculture Advisory Committee.