

Town of Farmington

1000 County Road 8
Farmington, New York 14425

AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 16, 2019 • 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES—FILED WITH TOWN CLERK

The following minutes are written as a summary of the main points that were made and the actions taken at the Town of Farmington Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting.

Committee Members Present: Henry Adams, *Chairperson*
Don Jones
Denis Lepel
John Marvin
Peter Maslyn
Doug Payne
Michael Putman
Royal Purdy
One Vacant Position

Town Representatives Present:
Dr. Michael Casale, Farmington Town Board Member
David Degear, Farmington Water and Sewer Superintendent

1. MEETING OPENING, PUBLIC NOTICE AND NEWS MEDIA NOTIFICATION

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Town Clerk was notified of the meeting on May 6, 2019. The meeting clerk notified the Committee members, Town staff, and the Canandaigua *Daily Messenger* newspaper on May 6, 2019, with a reminder on May 14, 2019. The *Daily Messenger* published the notice of the meeting on May 12, 2019.

2. PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (PDR) PROGRAM

Mr. Adams: Reviewed the Genesee Land Trust schedule for the 2020 PDR Program:

Genesee Land Trust 2020 PDR Program Anticipated Timeline

Early Fall 2019 Information sessions offered.

December 13, 2019	Pre-Applications due to Genesee Land Trust.
Mid-February 2020	Genesee Land Trust determines which applications to submit to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.
Spring 2020	Applications due to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
Late Fall 2020	Notice of grant awards from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
Summer 2020	Contract between the Genesee Land Trust and New York State signed; process for Purchase of Development Rights begins.
2022 to 2026	Close on conservation easement; landowner receives payment for development rights.
Anytime	Genesee Land Trust staff available to discuss specific farms and answer questions.

Mr. Adams: Said that information sessions by the Ontario County Planning Department have not yet been scheduled.

Application materials from the Town of Canandaigua PDR program were distributed and reviewed. It was noted that the Town of Canandaigua conducts the evaluation of PDR applications by a group consisting of the Town Manager, a representative from the Finger Lakes Land Trust, the Town's Environmental Conservation Board and the Town's Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Mr. Adams: Said that the Genesee Land Trust staff has offered to evaluate and rank the Farmington applications.

Dr. Casale: Said that he will speak with Supervisor Ingalsbe regarding scheduling a workshop meeting of the Town Board with the Committee and Lorna Wright, Director of Conservation Programs at the Genesee Land Trust, to brief the Town Board members on the PDR Program. Mr. Adams said that he will also follow up with Supervisor Ingalsbe to arrange the workshop meeting.

Mr. Purdy: Asked about cooperating with the Town of Canandaigua on a regional application process. It was noted that perhaps this would increase the competition for the Farmington applications.

3. DISCUSSION TOPICS

Dr. Casale: Said that two residents have suggested having a farmers market near the Ontario Antiques Mall on State Route 332. He said that this was not an idea or a proposal from the Town Board.

Mr. Jones: Said that the proliferation of more farmers markets is due to the availability of government grant funds for these projects. For example, the 2019 grant application period is now open for the Farmers Market Promotion Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

■ **Agriculture Advisory Committee Comments:** Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that there are already a number of farmer's markets in operation throughout the County and the region, that these markets seem to be at a saturation point, and that the operation of a new market may conflict with the days of operation of existing markets. Also, it was noted that another farmers market may not attract new vendors but may encourage vendors to leave one market for another.

4. NEXT STEPS

Dr. Casale and Mr. Adams will contact Supervisor Ingalsbe to arrange for a joint workshop meeting with the Town Board, the Committee and Ms. Wright from the Genesee Land Trust to discuss the Town's proposed PDR Program.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There will be no meeting of the Committee in June.

Future meetings are scheduled for:

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Thursday, August 15, 2019

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Thursday, December 19, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Following the meeting, the clerk locked the front entrance doors of the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Robortella L.S.

Agriculture Advisory Committee Board Members:

Hal Adams, *Chairperson* (January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019)

Term expires December 31, 2021

Don Jones

Term expires December 31, 2021

Denis Lepel

Term expires December 31, 2021

Peter Maslyn

Term expires December 31, 2021

John Marvin

Term expires December 31, 2020

Doug Payne

Term expires December 31, 2021

Michael Putman

Appointed March 26, 2019

Term expires December 31, 2023.

Royal Purdy

Appointed January 3, 2018

Term expires December 31, 2022

Mr. Gerlock's term would have expired on December 31, 2019

E-mail Distribution:

Adams, Hal
Gerlock, Meghan (interested citizen)
Jones, Donald
Lepel, Denis
Marvin, John
Maslyn, Peter
Payne, Doug
Purdy, Royal
Bowerman, Nate
Brand, Ron
Casale, Michael
Degear, David
Delpriore, Dan
Finley, Michelle
Herendeen, Ron
Ingalsbe, Peter
Holtz, Steven
Kincaid, Jamie
Pritchard, Seth (Canandaigua landowner)
Putman, Michael