

Dutchess County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2019

Present: Eric Axelson, Peter Coon, Eoin Wrafter, Brian Scoralick, Ed Hackett, Gregg Pulver, Ken Migliorelli, Stephanie Radin, Art Collings, Doug Giles

Advisors: Harry Baldwin

Secretary: Amy Cross

Public Present: Michael Knutsen, Scenic Hudson

1) The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Pulver at 7:00 pm

2) Communication

a. None

3) Election of Officers- the Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Board

Ed Hackett made the motion to nominate Gregg Pulver for the position. Doug Giles seconded.

Eoin Wrafter made the motion to close the ballot. Brian Scoralick seconded.

Brian Scoralick made the motion to cast one ballot to appoint Gregg Pulver as Chair of the Board. Ed Hackett seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gregg Pulver made the motion to nominate Art Collings as Vice-Chair of the Board. Brian Scoralick seconded.

Doug Giles made the motion to close the ballot. Ed Hackett seconded.

Gregg Pulver made the motion to cast one ballot to appoint Art Collings as Vice-Chair of the Board. Brian Scoralick seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Purchase of Development Rights Project Endorsements for the NYS Dairy Transition Farmland Protection Implementation Grant pre-application review.

The application below was received from Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc.

- Scholldorf Farm, a 97.7-acre Dairy operation located in the Town of Rhinebeck. The property consists of 78.4% of prime and statewide important soils in priority agricultural zones. The farm is currently operating as a Dairy. The farm borders the Rhinebeck Kill for 4,900 feet and contains 6 acres of wetlands. The property current receives an Agriculture Value Assessment and is part of Agriculture District 20.

Board members reviewed the application and asked questions of Mr. Knutsen who represented Scenic Hudson on this project.

A motion was made by Doug Giles and seconded by Ken Migliorelli to endorse the Dairy Transition FPIG Application for Scholldorf farm. The motion carried unanimously.

5) Discussion of 2018 Annual Agriculture District Inclusion-

The Chair of the Board updated the Board on the progression the 2018 Ag District inclusion has taken over the past year. The Chair apprised the Board of legal proceedings between the Town of LaGrange and the County Legislature and the Town of LaGrange and the Landi's/Remsbergers.

6) Discussion of Criteria for Agriculture District Inclusion

The Chair of the Board updated the Board on verbal recommendations given by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets as to the criteria the Agriculture and Farmland Protection board should evaluate when considering a parcel for inclusion. The Board discussed this matter but tabled any discussion of changing current procedures until a written letter of recommendations is received from the Department of Agriculture.

A motion was made by Ken Migliorelli and seconded by Doug Giles and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:14 pm.