

Dutchess County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2019

Present: Chair, Gregg Pulver; Vice Chair, Art Collings; Eric Axelson; Peter Coon; Eoin Wrafter; Brian Scoralick; Ed Hackett; Ken Migliorelli; Jennifer Fimbel; Doug Giles
Advisors: Harry Baldwin, Shelby Frangk
Public Present: None

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Pulver at 7:04 pm

Public Comment-

Mr Pulver solicited for public comment. No comments were brought forth.

Communication-

1. An update was given on the legal proceeding stemming from the 2018 annual inclusion.

Minutes-

A motion was made by Jennifer Fimbel to accept the minutes of March 21, 2019. Doug Giles seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Agriculture District Inclusion Process-

The Chair announced to the Board that July 11th, 2019 will be committee day at the Legislature, the meeting starts at 5:30, but the exact time this will be on the agenda has not been finalized. The full Legislature will consider it on July 15th, 2019 at 7pm, it will include the public hearing on the Annual Inclusion process at which time interested parties can speak to the Legislature about their applications.

As the law and guidelines were discussed at length February and March meetings of this year, The Board was reminded to refer to the checklist and guideline while making their determinations.

Annual Agriculture District Applications and Inclusions

District 20

Town of Clinton

Hart Properties on Schultz Hill Road-

Owner: Donald Hart

Parcel Number: 132400-6368-00-164630- 20.8 acres with statewide important and adjacent parcels in District.

Parcel Number: 132400-6368-00-369692- 31 acres with statewide important soils and adjacent parcels in the District.

Discussion: The properties are both eligible for inclusion under section 5B of the guideline.

A motion was made by Jen Fimbel and seconded by Eoin Wrafter to approve the application for inclusion in the Ag District. All members voted unanimously in favor.

Romero/ Dingee Property on Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners

Owner: Diana Romero and Richard Dingee

Parcel Number: 6566-00-375661- 21.32 acres with adjacent parcels in District.

Discussion: 1 parcel with prime and statewide important soils. Property qualifies for inclusion under guideline .1

A motion was made by Ken Migliorelli and seconded by Art Collings to approve the application for inclusion in the Ag District. All members voted unanimously in favor.

Town of Hyde Park

Patton Property on Salt Point Turnpike, Hyde Park

Owner: Seth Patton

Parcel Number : 6267-00-787124-3 acres with prime soils and no adjacent parcels in District.

Discussion: Parcel does not meet criteria set forth in guidelines. Not enough information was given to include parcel. No visible sign of production or infrastructure at this time.

Landowner is encouraged to reach out to Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess, or Dutchess County Soil and Water to begin process of farm planning.

A chair asked for a motion to include property in ag district. No motion made.

Art Collings made the motion to not recommend the parcel for inclusion. Peter Coon seconded

All members voted unanimously to not recommend inclusion.

Town of Rhinebeck

Russell property on Route 308, Rhinebeck

Owner: Edward Russell

Parcel Number: 6371-00-423606- 5.93 acres with adjacent parcels in District.

Discussion: Property does not meet criteria for inclusion in the Ag District as there is no infrastructure present for intended use.

A chair asked for a motion to include property in ag district. No motion made.

A motion was made by Jen Fimbel and seconded by Doug Giles to not recommend the parcel for inclusion Ag District.

All members voted unanimously to not recommend the parcel inclusion. Ken Migliorelli abstained from voting.

Novick Property on Ackert Hook Road, Rhinebeck

Owner: Andrea Novick

Parcel Number: 6269-00-125290-19.9 acres with adjacent parcels in the District.

Discussion: 1 parcel with statewide important soils and qualifies for inclusion under guideline 2 and 7B.

A motion was made by Brian Scoralick and seconded by Jennifer Fimbel to approve the application for inclusion in the Ag District. All members voted unanimously to include.

District 21

Town of Stanford

Bentley Farm, LLC on Bulls Head Road, Stanford

Owner: Isaac Angell

Parcel Number: 6569-00-577779-19.55 acres with prime and state wide important soils and adjacent parcels in the District.

Discussion: Parcel qualifies under guideline 1

A motion was made by Doug Giles and seconded by Jennifer Fimbel to approve the application for inclusion in the Ag District. All members voted unanimously to include.

District 22

Town of East Fishkill

Organic Outpost property on Route 52, East Fishkill

Owner: Joseph Giagrande

Parcel Number: 6556-01-195790- 13.66 acres with prime and statewide important soils with no adjacent parcels in District.

Discussion: Property does not meet criteria for inclusion in the Ag District under guideline 4. Property is dissected by both Federal and DEC protected wetlands.

A chair asked for a motion to include property in ag district. No motion made.

A motion was made by Gregg Pulver and seconded by Pete Coon to not recommend the parcel for inclusion in the Ag District.

All members voted unanimously to not recommend inclusion. Jen Fimbel abstained from voting.

Be it noted that Mr. Giagrande also asked to include parcel 6758-02-768580. This parcel is already included in District 23.

Town of LaGrange

Antolotti's Farm on 44 Amanda's Way, LaGrange

Owner: Dorthy Antolotti

Parcel Number: 6358-02-887660- 54.42 acres of statewide important soils with adjacent parcels in District.

Discussion: Horse operation receiving ag value assessment qualifies under guideline 1. A motion was made by Jen Fimbel and seconded by Art Collings to approve the application for inclusion in the Ag District.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

Town of Wappinger

Meddaugh on Diddell Road, Wappingers Falls

Owner: John E. Hughes, Trustee

Parcel Number: 6359-03-416310- 5.6 acres of statewide important soils with adjacent parcels in District.

Discussion: Parcel qualifies under guideline 2, 4A and 6A for inclusion.

A motion was made by Ken Migliorelli and seconded by Brian Scoralick to approve the application for inclusion in the Ag District.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

District 23

Town of Beekman

Black Lab Farm, LLC on Pleasant Ridge Road

Owner: Kevin Warren

Parcel Number: 6859-00-960793- 26.5 acres of statewide and prime soils with adjacent parcels in the District.

Discussion: Property meets criteria 2 as they are currently working on a Farm Plan and section 5a and b and is contiguous to larger operation.

A motion was made by Doug Giles and seconded by Jen Fimbel to approve the application for inclusion in the Ag District.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

Town of Union Vale

Black Lab Farm, LLC on Pleasant Ridge Road

Owner: Kevin Warren

Parcel Number: 6859-00-903925- 116.5 acres of statewide and prime soils with adjacent parcels in the District.

Discussion: Property meets criteria 2 as they are currently working on a Farm Plan.

A motion was made by Doug Giles and seconded by Jen Fimbel to approve the application for inclusion in the Ag District.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

It was noted for the record that four parcels applied, but were already in the district.

It was also noted for the record that one parcel applied, but the application was not postmarked until May 22, 2019 and therefore was ineligible for inclusion.

Upon discussion it was concluded that a letter goes out to all applicants and towns apprising them of Board's recommendation and presenting information about time to speak at the Legislative meeting, July 15, 2019.

Other Business:

None

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

A motion was made by Gregg Pulver seconded by Jen Fimbel and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:00pm