

# Dutchess County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

## Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2018

Present: Eric Axelson, Peter Coon, Eoin Wrafter, Brian Scoralick, Ed Hackett, Gregg Pulver, Ken Migliorelli, Jennifer Fimbel, Art Collings, Doug Giles, Will Truitt  
Advisors: Harry Baldwin, Dave Tetor, Shelby Frangk  
Public Present: Ed Russell

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The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Pulver at 7:03 pm

A motion was made by Eoin Wrafter to accept the minutes of February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as amended. Jennifer Fimbel Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### Communication-

1. A letter was issued from Michael Latham, Ag and Markets outlining the Ag District Inclusion Process under AML § 303-b.
2. A letter from Commissioner Ball, Ag and Markets, awarding \$32,759 to Dutchess Land Conservancy from the new Land Trusts Grants program.

### Annual Agriculture District Inclusion Process-

The Chair announced to the Board that July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 will be committee day at the Legislature from 5:30 on. July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting will be open for public comment for interested parties to speak to the Legislature about their applications, starting at 7pm. A review of the Law pertaining to the inclusion process was read. Also, as Mr. Russell is present, the Chair asked all questions to him be presented to the Chair to relay. The Board was reminded of the two primary questions, in addition to the guideline packet, to consider while considering a parcel-

1. Is the parcel "highly viable agricultural land- highly suitable for a farm operation. (§301 (7-11)
2. Does inclusion in the Ag District serve the public interest?

Checklist of Criteria includes:

1. Is there a major farm operation on the property?
2. Is there a major farm operation that is significant but does not gross 10K?
3. Is the property farmed by a major farm operation?
4. Is the property viable farm af land consisting of a,b,c, or d?
5. Is the property other woodlands... a or b?
6. Livestock A or B?
7. Farm Stands, Orchards or Specialty Operations a or b?

## Annual Agriculture District Applications and Inclusions

### District 20

#### Town of Clinton

Hollow Brook Stables- 3.7 acres with adjacent parcels in District.

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

Owner: James Enkler Parcel Number : 6267-00-820205

Discussion: Property meets criteria for inclusion under section 4a, 4b, and 4c as well as 6b. Art Collings abstained, all other members voted unanimously in favor.

Hollow Brook Stables - 3.1 acres with adjacent parcels in District.

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

Owner: James Enkler Parcel Number : 6267-00-865205

Discussion: Property meets criteria for inclusion under section 4a, 4b, and 4c as well as 6b. Art Collings abstained, all other members voted unanimously in favor

Lazy Neighbor Farm- 13.44 acres with adjacent parcels in District.

Owner: James Vitiello Parcel Number : 6267-00-787124

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

Discussion: **Property meets criteria for inclusion under section 4a, 4b, and 4c** as well as 6b. All members voted unanimously in favor.

#### Town of Milan

Fitzgibbons property on South Road- 140.2 acres with adjacent parcels in District.

Owner: Maria Fitzgibbons Parcel Number: 6671-00-042265

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

Discussion: Property does not meet criteria for inclusion in the Ag District.

All members voted unanimously to deny inclusion.

#### Town of Rhinebeck

Abela property on Old Farm Road- 50.55 acres with no adjacent parcels in District.

Owner: Kerrie Abela Parcel Number: 6371-00-600224

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

Discussion: Property does not meet criteria for inclusion in the Ag District.

All members voted unanimously to deny inclusion.

Lancto property on Vlei Road- 40.74 acres with adjacent parcels in District.

Owner: Michael Lancto Parcel Number: 6269-00-232404

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

Discussion: Property does not meet criteria for inclusion in the Ag District.

All members voted unanimously to deny inclusion.

Russell property on 308- 5.93 acres with adjacent parcels in District.

Owner: Edward Russell Parcel Number: 6371-00-423606

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

Public Comment: The Chairman opened the floor for Mr. Russell to answer questions from Board members about his property and intended use.

Discussion: Property does not meet criteria for inclusion in the Ag District.

All members voted unanimously to deny inclusion.

District 21

Town of Washington

The Myers Family Hoofprint Farm- 21.1 acres with adjacent parcels in the District.

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

Owner: Heidi Meyers Parcel Number: 6765-00-048708

Discussion: Property meets criteria 4a and 4b for inclusion.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

District 22

Town of LaGrange

Behring Family- 31 acres.

Owner: Robert Behring Parcel Number: 6462-02-675824

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

Discussion: Property meets criteria 2, 4b, and 6b for inclusion.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

Remsburger Honey and Maple- 2.1 acres with nearby parcels in the District

Owner: Juliette Landi Parcel Number: 6462-03-172062

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

Discussion: Property does not meet criteria for inclusion in the Ag District.

All members voted unanimously to deny inclusion.

Sanford property on Velie Road- 13.03 acres

Owner: Thomas Sanford Parcel Number: 6560-01-060861

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

Discussion: Property does not meet criteria for inclusion in the Ag District.

All members voted unanimously to deny inclusion.

### District 23

#### Town of Dover

Nonno's Garden LLC- 1.3 acres with adjacent parcels in the District

Owner: James Lauria- Parcel Number: 7260-00-167790

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

Discussion: Property meets criteria 4a and 5a and is contiguous to larger operation.

Art Collings recused himself, all other members voted unanimously in favor.

Nonno's Garden LLC- 60.4 acres with adjacent parcels in the District

Owner: Nonno's Garden LLC- Parcel Number: 7260-00-062777

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

Discussion: Property meets criteria 1, 4a, and 4b for inclusion.

Art Collings recused himself, all other members voted unanimously in favor.

#### Town of Pawling

Elmwood Farm- 25.5 acres with adjacent parcels in the District

Owner: Sally Raphael Parcel Number: 7156-00-400973

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

Discussion: Property meets 4a and 4b for inclusion.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

#### Town of Union Vale

The Myers Family Hoofprint Farm - 10.58 acres with adjacent parcels in the District

Owner: Heidi Myers Parcel Number: 6663-00-653092

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

Discussion: Property meets criteria 4a and 4b for inclusion.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

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

Upon discussion it was concluded that a letter goes out to all applicants apprising them of Board's recommendation and presenting information about time to speak at the Legislative meeting, July 9, 2018.

Other Business:

Farmland Protection Implementation Grant- a discussion was had about the June 1st, 2018 RPQ discussing this year's FPIG program available to land conservancies, municipalities and soil & water districts. It was determined that the Board Secretary would solicit applications to the appropriate agencies and municipalities in Dutchess and Columbia Counties. Pre-applications must be endorsed and ranked by AFPB for submittal of application to the State. Pre-applications to the AFPB must be in by June 29th, 4pm.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2018 7:00pm

A motion was made by Jen Fimbel, seconded by Will Truitt and carried unanimously to adjourn at 9:15pm