

# Dutchess County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

## Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

Present: Eric Axelson, Peter Coon, Eoin Wrafter, Brian Scoralick, Ed Hackett, Gregg Pulver, Ken Migliorelli, Jennifer Fimble, Art Collings,  
Advisors: Shelby Frangke  
Secretary: Amy Cross  
Public Present: None

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- 1) The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Pulver at 7:02 pm
- 2) Approval of Minutes-
  - a. Eoin Wrafter made the motion to approve the minutes of July 10, 2018. Jennifer Fimble seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
  - b. Brian Scoralick made the motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2019. Ken Migliorelli seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- 3) Communication and Announcements  
Chair G. Pulver 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.
- 4) Purchase of Development Rights Project Endorsement for the New York State Farmland Protection Implementation Grant pre-application review.

The pre-application below was received from Dutchess Land Conservancy.

- Perotti Homestead Farm, LLC, a 348-acre crop operation located in the Town of Northeast. 270.5 acres are being considered in the PDR. Approximately 180 of the 270.5 acres is used to grow corn and soy, and near five acres support the farmstead area and outbuildings. The parcel consists of 63 acres or 23% of prime and 145 acres 53% of statewide important soils in priority agricultural zones. The property current receives an Agriculture Value Assessment and is part of Agriculture District 21.

Board members reviewed the application.

A motion was made by Eoin Wrafter and seconded by Jennifer Fimble to endorse the FPIG Application for Perotti Homestead Farm, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5) Discussion of 2019 Annual Agriculture District Inclusion Criteria and Methodology –
  - a. The Board reviewed internal criteria used as guide in decision making for the annual inclusion of parcels in the Ag Districts in Dutchess County. The board discussed that for this exercise, some improvements will be made to clarify the definition of viable farmland.
  - b. The Board will also notify all landowners who apply during the annual inclusion period of the status of their recommendation after the Board sends the resolution to the County Legislature. This includes applications for parcels already in the District. Notification of legislative hearing date and time will be given as well.
  - c. The Board will prepare a visual presentation for the Legislature to give them the most amount of information about each parcel as possible.
  
- 6) Other-
  - a. Jennifer Fimble is meeting with the Fire Commissioner to discuss Special Fire Districts in the towns of LaGrange, Beekman and Union Vale.
  - b. The Annual Inclusion period for accepting Ag District Applications is April 15th- May 14th. Dutchess County Soil and Water will receive applications.
  - c. A local dairy farmer has asked for the support of the AFPB to Ag and Markets in addressing high fees for building permits waged by town to fix agriculture buildings.
  
- 7) Next Meeting Date-
  - a. The Board will meet June 13th, 2019 at 7 pm to review the Ag District Applications and make recommendation to the County Legislature. The Board will complete its resolution to the Legislature no later than June 27th, to be available by Committee Day on July 11, 2019.

A motion was made by Peter Coon and seconded by Eoin Wrafter and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:29 pm.