

**Dutchess County Planning Board
MINUTES – January 10, 2018**

Present

Colleen Cruikshank

Edward Hauser

Hans Klingzahn

Warren Smith

Jill Way

Rick Wilhelm

Randall Williams

Erin Hoagland, Land Projects Manager, Dutchess Land Conservancy, *Guest*

Karin Roux, Director of Land Projects, Dutchess Land Conservancy, *Guest*

Becky Thornton, President, Dutchess Land Conservancy, *Guest*

Mike Fraatz, Vice President, Cider Mill Friends, *Guest*

Ann Shershin, Treasurer, Cider Mill Friends, *Guest*

Lisa Weiss, President, Cider Mill Friends, *Guest*

Anne-Marie Smith, *County Attorney Liaison*

John Metzger, *County Legislative Liaison*

Brad Barclay, *Staff*

Jennifer Coccozza, *Staff*

Lynn Schara, *Staff*

Eoin Wrafter, *Staff*

Absent

Michael Dupree

Hans Hardisty

J. Patrick Lambert

James Nelson

John Weisman

Hans Klingzahn, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. All board members and staff introduced themselves. Guests included Ann Shershin, Lisa Weiss and Mike Fraatz from Cider Mill Friends and Becky Thornton, Karin Roux and Erin Hoagland of Dutchess Land Conservancy.

A motion to approve without change, the minutes from November 8, 2017, was made by Ed Hauser and seconded by Warren Temple Smith. There were no objections, and the minutes were accepted.

Nomination and Reorganization of Officers

A motion was made by Rick Wilhelm to continue the present slate of officers, with Hans Klingzahn as Chairman, and Jim Nelson as Vice Chairman. Randall Williams seconded and the motion was carried.

Each January, the Planning Board By-Laws are revisited and re-adopted. The By-Laws were distributed by email to the Board prior to the meeting. Randall Williams made a motion to accept them as written; Ed Hauser seconded, and the By-Laws were approved with no revisions for 2018.

Commissioner's Update, Eoin Wrafter

The resolution request for Gary Baright to be appointed to the Planning Board is anticipated to be on the agenda for January 22. The resolutions for Legislative appointments will be reviewed at that meeting as well.

Eoin reported that in 2017, the Department completed 438 referrals, 25% higher than we had projected for the year. There have been some dormant projects reactivated, so we think that contributed to the increase.

The Department will now be working on our 2018 budget initiatives. We have had an internal meeting with our planners about the electronic referral process and anticipate working with one or two communities to beta test before we extend the new system out to all of the communities.

Partnership for Manageable Growth

Brad gave an update regarding the status of the 2017 PMG projects. DLC was able to secure private funding as the match for Brookby (Vincent) Dairy, so we expect that will close this year. Destined Wind (Meili) Farm will be applying for 2018 Ag & Markets funding, so realistically, that will close in early 2019 if approved.

We received four applications for funding from the 2018 round of PMG funding. The program does have adequate funding for all the projects, should they be approved.

Karin Roux, Director of Land Projects at Dutchess Land Conservancy, gave a presentation regarding two of the three farmland applications.

Glendale Farm is 283 acres in Amenia, being leased by Deere Haven Dairy. This project is within the Dutchess County Farmland & Protection Plan priority area and has a 10-year agreement with Fish and Wildlife Service for habitation protection. Rural enterprise areas under review would be about 1 acre each. Their funding request from the Partnership for Manageable Growth (PMG) is \$386,000 (25% of the project costs), with another 25% being requested from Scenic Hudson and the remaining 50% being requested from New York State.

Meili Farm is a 115 acre free-range, livestock farm in Amenia. There is a 30-year wetland protection agreement on this parcel with USDA. Their funding request from PMG is for \$286,500 (46% of the project costs), with a match funding request to the 1772 Foundation.

Erin Hoagland, Land Projects Manager for DLC, gave a presentation regarding Jordan Lane Farm (Speeter) in Pine Plains. This 155 acre farm consists of hay and rye operations on 25 acres, with another 65 acres of field and pasture. Their funding request from PMG is for \$330,000 (25%), and they have already secured the remaining 75% from the New York State DEC's Water Quality Improvement Program.

Lisa Weiss of Cider Mill Friends, Inc. gave a presentation on their application for the acquisition of Lot 1 of the Kimlin Cider Mill. The Cider Mill Friends were able to raise the funds to purchase

the mill and have been operating as a non-profit, volunteer organization, hosting events and offering educational and public awareness to the community. The funding request is for \$40,000 (49% of land acquisition costs) for Lot 1 on Cedar Avenue for a straight purchase to protect the parcel from development. The parcel will have public access.

Site visits for the four projects will take place in February. Once the final dates and times are determined, the Board will be notified via email.

We will vote to determine which applications to fund at our March 14, 2018 meeting.

With no further business, Randall Williams motioned to adjourn and Warren Temple Smith seconded. The meeting ended at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Schara