

Dutchess County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2019

Present: Chair, Gregg Pulver; Vice Chair, Art Collings; Eric Axelson; Peter Coon; Eoin Wrafter; Brian Scoralick; Ed Hackett; Jennifer Fimbel; Doug Giles
Public Present: None

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

Public Comment-

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

Communication-

- Communications discussed under old business below.

Minutes-

A motion was made by Jennifer Fimbel to accept the minutes of June 13, 2019. Doug Giles seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- A letter was received from NYS Dept of Ag and Markets regarding the 2019 Ag District Inclusions. On August 9th, 2019, Commissioner Ball signed the resolution passing all submitted parcels for inclusion.
- A letter from Ag and Markets was received regarding the Town of Pawling zoning laws pertaining to 'piggeries'. The town of Pawling is revising and reviewing their zoning policy this week.
- A letter dated November 19th was received from Ag and Markets addressing the Town of LaGrange and their concerns about the apiary business conducted on the Landi/Remsberger property.

New Business:

- Eric Axelson presented a revised and improved copy of the Ag Value Assessment versus Ag District Programs overview sheet. A motion was made by Brian Scoralick to accept these changes. Doug Giles seconded. Motion Carried.
- A discussion was held about Ag Ceiling Assessments versus Ag Exemption differences. Eric Axelson demonstrated software and formulas used by tax assessors to compute Ag Assessments. A discussion about tax penalties resulting from property conversions before the 5 year ag assessment

commitment is completed also occurred for the benefit and education of the Board members.

- Art Collings gave an update on programs being completed by Dutchess Land Conservancy. The FPIG 2019 process for Meili Farm is complete. They are working to close work on Glenmore for the 2018 FPIG program and Destined Wind farms for the 2019 Dairy Transition Program. DLC is making several applications for farm grants under the 2020 Dutchess County Partnership for Manageable Growth program, and expects to make applications on several farms for the 2020 FPIG grants, which are expected in the summer of 2020.

Reorganization for the year 2020:

A motion was made by Doug Giles to nominate Gregg Pulver as Chair of the board. Ed Hackett seconded. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Gregg Pulver to nominate Art Collings as Vice-Chair of the board. Doug Giles seconded. Motion Carried

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

A motion was made by Gregg Pulver seconded by Jen Fimbel and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:12pm