

Dutchess County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2020

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Pulver at 7:03 pm
Mr. Pulver turned the meeting over to Vice Chair, Mr Collings

Roll Call

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

Communication-

1. A letter dated January 2, 2020 from Ag and Markets was presented to the board. This letter is in reference to a proposed solar field construction site on a parcel in East Fishkill. No action was needed from the Board.
2. A letter dated December 31st, 2019 from Ag and Markets awarding funds to Dutchess Land Conservancy through the Option Agreement to Purchase a Perpetual Conservation Easement initiative for Perotti Farm. No action was needed from the Board.

Minutes-

A motion was made by Jennifer Fimbel to accept the minutes of December 3, 2019. Eoin Wrafter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Agriculture District Inclusion Process-

Mr. Collings turned the meeting over to Brian Scoralick for the presentation of applications for the annual Agriculture District inclusion process.

It was noted for the record that 7 parcels applied, but were already enrolled in the district.

Annual Agriculture District Applications and Inclusions

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.

Eoin Wrafter made the motion to discuss the property. Art Collings seconded.

Discussion: Property is comprised of 71% Statewide Important or Prime Soils. Property does not meet criteria for inclusion in the Ag District as there is no infrastructure present for intended use.

Brian Scoralick asked for a motion to accept the property in the Ag District. A motion was made

by Jen Fimbel and seconded by Eoin Wrafter to accept the parcel for inclusion in the Ag District. The motion was unanimously opposed.

District 21

Town of Amenia

Wang Property on Leedsville Road, Amenia

Owner: Margaret Wang

Parcel Number: 7266-00-485640-10 acres with prime soils and adjacent parcels in the District.

Discussion: Open land with 46% prime soils. Used for hay and vegetables and grazing for livestock.

A motion was made by Eoin Wrafter 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

Giagrande property on Route 52, East Fishkill

Owner: Organic Outpost

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

A motion was made by Art Collings and seconded by Jen Fimbel to include the application.

Discussion: Property states intended use of flowers and vegetables and agro-tourism. Property is dissected by both Federal and DEC protected wetlands. No visible improvements or activity on the property have taken place since last year.

All members voted unanimously to not recommend inclusion.

Town of East Fishkill

Wirth Property on Binnewater Road, Hopewell Junction, NY

Owner: Matthew Wirth

Parcel Number: 6456-01-058549- 8.4 acres of with 7% statewide important soil with no adjacent parcels in District.

A motion was made by Eoin Wrafter and seconded by Ed Hauser to discuss the application.

Discussion: Property located in highly residential area. Very little statewide important soils and property is wooded. No current farm operation present.

A motion was made by Jen Fimbel to enroll the parcel into the Ag District. Art Collings seconded.

All members voted unanimously to not recommend inclusion.

Town of LaGrange

Barton Industries, LLC property on Noxon Road, Poughquag

Owner: Peter Barton

Parcel Number: 6360-03-445269- 21.47 acres of statewide important and prime soils with adjacent parcels in District.

Discussion: Parcel merged with parcel already in District. Usage of part of parcel not in district is used as farm stand and cold storage for farm operation. Endorsement would be for entire parcel to be included in the District.

A motion was made by Eoin Wrafter and seconded by Jen Fimbel to approve the application for

inclusion in the Ag District.
All members voted unanimously in favor.

District 23

Town of Beekman

Coupe Property on Pine Street, Poughquag

Owner: Adam Coupe

Parcel Number: 6657-08-902901- 11.29 acres of statewide and prime soils with no adjacent parcels in the District.

Jen Fimbel made the motion to discuss this application for inclusion in the District. Ed Hauser seconded.

Discussion: Property is wooded and will be used as sugar bush. Other farm operations in area although not in District. Town has easement for stormwater retention on part of parcel.

Jen Fimbel made the motion to enroll this property in the Ag District. Ed Hauser seconded.

The majority of members voted in favor. Art Collings abstained from voting.

Town of Dover

Larsen Property on Chestnut Ridge Road

Owner: Kelly Larsen

Parcel Number: 6963-00-304560- 15.57 acres of statewide and prime soils with adjacent parcels in the District.

Eoin Wrafter made the motion to discuss this property for inclusion in the Ag District. Gregg Pulver seconded.

Discussion: Property is currently being leased for hay. Land is comprised of 96% prime soils.

Eoin Wrafter made the motion to enroll this parcel in the Ag District. Jen Fimbel seconded.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

Town of Pawling

Ballard Property on Sanita Road, Holmes

Owner: Trevor Ballard

Parcel Number: 6856-00-688424- 23.975 acres of statewide important soils.

Ed Hauser made the motion to discuss this property for inclusion in the Ag District. Art Collings seconded.

Discussion: Property is currently being used for sugar bush. Land is comprised of 23% statewide important soils. Owner is established maple operator.

Eoin Wrafter made the motion to enroll this parcel in the Ag District. Ed Hauser seconded.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

Town of Pawling

Calhoun Property on Burgess Road, Pawling

Owner: Lynne Calhoun

Parcel Number: 7156-00-514482- 5.59 acres of 41% statewide important soils with adjacent parcels in Ag District.

Ed Hauser made the motion to discuss this property for inclusion in the Ag District. Jen Fimbel seconded.

Discussion: Property is currently being used as pasture for livestock.

Eoin Wrafter made the motion to enroll this parcel in the Ag District. Jen Fimbel seconded. All members voted unanimously in favor.

Town of Union Vale

Larsen Property on Chestnut Ridge Road, Union Vale

Owner: Kelly Larsen

Parcel Number: 6963-00-253570- 10.16 acres of 100% prime and statewide important soils with adjacent parcels in Ag District.

Eoin Wrafter made the motion to discuss this property for inclusion in the Ag District. Jen Fimbel seconded.

Discussion: No further discussion as other half of property was discussed under Town of Dover.

Eoin Wrafter made the motion to enroll this parcel in the Ag District. Gregg Pulver seconded.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

Brian Scoralick turned the meeting over to Chair, Gregg Pulver.

It was announced that July 9th, 2020 will be committee day at the Legislature, the meeting starts at 5:30. The full Legislature will consider inclusions on July 13th, 2020 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.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

A motion was made by Jen Fimbel and seconded by Ed Hauser and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:13pm

Respectfully Submitted Amy M Cross