

**Dutchess County Planning Board  
MINUTES – November 17, 2021**

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**Present**

Dale Culver  
Phil DeRosa  
Edith Greenwood  
Hans Klingzahn  
J. Patrick Lambert  
Ken Migliorelli  
James Nelson  
Jill Way  
Rick Wilhelm  
Randall Williams

**Absent**

Ryan Arket  
Gary Baright  
Colleen Cruikshank  
Linda Fakhoury, *County Attorney Liaison*

Ed Hauser, *County Legislative Liaison*  
Brad Barclay, *Staff*  
Jen Coccozza, *Staff*  
Dylan Tuttle, *Staff*  
Eoin Wrafter, *Staff*

Hans Klingzahn called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken.

Approve Minutes from September 15, 2021 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from September 15, 2021 without changes was made by Phil DeRosa and seconded by Edie Greenwood.

With no nays, the motion passed, and the minutes were adopted.

Partnership for Manageable Growth (PMG)

2021 Application Evaluation Review:

The cumulative scores for the PMG applicants were distributed to the Planning Board members as an attachment to a draft resolution that recommends awarding the funds to the five applicants. The farmland protection projects' scores were fairly close, and all scored highly on the agricultural categories. The open space project also scored well, though the overall score was lower because the open space project has different scoring criteria and a lower maximum score.

Project Updates

Brad Barclay shared that two additional projects have closed, Glendale Farm and Dutchess Views Farm. With that, the 2018 projects are completely closed out. Schlottdorf Farm withdrew its application. The oldest approved incomplete project is Lopane Farms from 2019. The patriarch of the family became very ill, which delayed that project significantly.

Both Primrose Hill and Obercreek Farms have been given preliminary approval for state funding. The funding is complete on the Bennett College project as well due to a landowner bargain sale. The

Seven Wells grant agreement will be voted on by the Legislature at their December meeting. Once approved by the Legislature, that project can be closed.

More funding is available than originally thought because Jordan Lane, Glendale, and Dutchess Views farms closed for less than what they were awarded so the excess was returned to the fund. Eoin introduced a resolution to the Legislature to add another \$1.5 million to the available funds in November. The resolution will be voted on when the Legislature meets in December.

Hans stated that he felt that the Bennett College project was the one that least met the goals and objectives of the Program. Several other members agreed. Eoin clarified that PMG is for both open space and farmland protection, although in recent years, there have been mostly farmland protection projects. In addition, three years ago, a change was made to prioritize active agricultural projects.

Rick and Jim asked for clarification on the requested amount and the amount on the resolution that Brad drafted for the Board. Brad and Eoin provided clarification to the members. Hans asked the board if the resolution was acceptable and entertained a motion to authorize it. Rick Wilhelm made a motion, which Patrick Lambert seconded. With no nays, the motion passed and the resolution was accepted.

#### Commissioner's Update

Jennifer Coccozza presented part of a two-part presentation with the Department of State about county referrals and highlighted some changes that will be implemented next year. Changes include clarifying and setting new rules for referrals. One such rule is that the date on which a referral is considered received is when all parts, including the site plans, are received, not on the date the referral is postmarked. RAMP will also be expanded to allow for more documents to be submitted electronically and to make it easier and more useful to municipalities. Furthermore, the checklist and attachments pages will be combined. Historic referrals will also be scanned and uploaded to RAMP and will be made available to the municipalities, which will be helpful to local planning boards.

So far, the Planning Department has reviewed 334 out of a projected 400 referrals for the year.

Eoin Wrafter proposed that the board hold its meetings in 2022 on February 9<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup> (PMG applicant site visits), September 14<sup>th</sup>, and November 9<sup>th</sup>. A pdf of the schedule will be included in the meeting packet for the first Planning Board meeting of 2022.

#### Correspondence

The members of the Planning Board did not receive any correspondence.

#### Other Announcement

Eoin Wrafter announced that Colleen Cruikshank will be resigning from the Planning Board at the end of November 2021 since she will be moving out of state. As she was a Legislative appointee, Eoin has reached out to the Chairman of the Legislature for a new appointment to the board for next year. Hans thanked Colleen for her services as a board member and expressed his best wishes for her and her family. In addition, Edith Greenwood's and James Nelson's terms end at the end of 2021. A resolution seeking their reappointment to the board will be sent to the County Legislature for their consideration in January.

Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on February 9, 2022.

Phil DeRosa motioned to adjourn; Dale Culver seconded, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charonique Roberts