

**Dutchess County Planning Board
MINUTES – January 9, 2019**

Present

Gary Baright
Hans Hardisty
Edward Hauser
Hans Klingzahn
Warren T. Smith
Rick Wilhelm
Brad Barclay, *Staff*
Jennifer Coccozza, *Staff*
Lynn Schara, *Staff*
Eoin Wrafter, *Staff*
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 Knutson, Scenic Hudson, *Guest*
Linda S. French, Supervisor, Town of Dover, *Guest*

Absent

Colleen Cruikshank
Michael Dupree
J. Patrick Lambert
James Nelson
Jill Way
Randall Williams
Linda Fakhoury, *County Attorney Liaison*
John Metzger, *County Legislative Liaison*

Hans Klingzahn, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM. All board members, staff and guests introduced themselves. Since a quorum was not present, the approval of minutes was postponed to the March meeting.

Annual Reorganization:

Without a quorum, the Board was unable to vote on the nomination and election of officers, revised by-laws or 2019 meeting dates. These agenda items were also postponed to the March meeting.

Partnership for Manageable Growth

We received five applications for 2019 funding, four farmland and one open space. Presentations were provided by the land conservancies for each of the applications.

Mike Knutson of Scenic Hudson presented the application for Schlolldorf Farms, a dairy farm in the Town of Rhinebeck. It is approximately 100 acres, located within agricultural district 20, and is the last dairy farm in the town. They are requesting \$140,250.

Karin Roux, Director of Land Projects, at Dutchess Land Conservancy, presented the following applications:

Glenmore Farm is a 520 acre property, but they are only including 408 acres in their application. The farm is located in the Towns of Pleasant Valley and Clinton, surrounded by 3,000 acres of active farmland. Their request is for \$500,000.

Dutchess Views Farm, is a 79.82 acre parcel in the Town of Pine Plains. The farm is used for breeding and boarding thoroughbred horses. It is surrounded by 12,000 acres of active farms. They are requesting \$209,528.

Erin Hoagland, Land Projects Manager, of Dutchess Land Conservancy, presented the application for Lopane Farms, a 153.3 acre parcel in the Town of Amenia. This provides support lands for Katonah Nurseries and 96-100% of the property is utilized for growing plants for sale and use in their landscaping business. They are requesting \$338,406.

Seven Wells (Crane) Property, is 179.86 acres in the Town of Dover Plains. This open space application is to add property to the Dover Stone Church preserve, which is privately owned by the Crane family. The request is for \$569,500, with the Town of Dover becoming the owner and Dutchess Land Conservancy holding an easement. The Town of Dover would be responsible for access and maintenance.

The County will not be able to fund all five projects. Site visits will be conducted over the course of two separate trips sometime in February. Brad will email dates, score sheets and a timeline to board members.

Commissioner's Update, Eoin Wrafter

Eoin reported that for 2018, the Department had completed 414 referrals, with 85% being completed within our 21-day target.

The department will be working with the Climate Smart Community Task Force over the next 12-18 months to achieve Bronze Level Certification for Dutchess County.

The department will be doing a research project looking at short term rentals (Airbnb, VRBO, etc.) and their impact on communities and businesses. We'll also be studying our rental housing survey to see if there is a correlation between the two types of rentals.

The referral submittal application will be introduced to all the municipalities this year.

Eoin asked the board members to please advise him if there are any presentations or topics they would like to see addressed at future board meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019, at 3:30 pm at our office location, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 107.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Schara