

GREENE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

October 2, 2019
Meeting Minutes
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Those present were:

Board Members

Jerry Cunningham
James VanOrden
Deborah Kavakos
Matthew Story
Evon Antonio
Jeff Flack

Non-Board members:

Karl Heck, Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning
Rich Schiafo, Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning
Steve Hadcock, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Columbia-Greene

Public:

Brittany Blake, Donald Berkhofer, Charles Tailleir, Beth Tailleir, Mick Bessire, Melinda Watts, Stannard Mackey, Alex Johnk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Requests for Inclusion

Four unofficial requests.

1. Jennifer Bagley, 60 Pine Tree Lane, Earlton, NY 12058
Parcel No. 102.00-5-18.1
2. Alfred Suwara, 400 acres in Greene County, Farm land
3. Johnk family farm llc
Alex and Becky Johnk, 4037 State Route 81, Greenville NY 12083
Parcel Number 25.00-5-22
4. Alan White (Already in District),
22 Bruce Scudder Rd, Halcott Center, NY 12430
Parcel No. 173.00-1-2

None have formally submitted 'Request for Inclusion' Form.

Request for Inclusion period was changed this year due to timing conflicts of eight-year review and timing of receipt of notice from NYS Ag and Markets. For eight-year review request for inclusion, the timeframe had to be changed from September 1-30 to October 1-30.

The Board will need to review any formal requests at its next meeting.

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SEQR

The Board approved putting forth a resolution to the Green County Legislature to make the Greene County Legislature the Lead Agency under SEQR for the eight year review. SEQR resolution will go before Legislature in November.

Motion James VanOrden
Second: Deborah Kavakos
Approved

Report Outline

Landowner Worksheet/Survey

This worksheet will go to all landowner in the district as well as those that request to be included. Worksheet is somewhat more extensive than in the past, asking for agricultural farm operation information. Either sent simplified one-page worksheet or two-page worksheet that asks for agricultural information. Board approved using two- page worksheet in hopes of gathering additional agricultural information.

Worksheet can be completed on-line or on paper hard copy.

Municipal Survey

A separate survey will be send to municipalities to gather information regarding consistency of comprehensive plans and zoning with agricultural district objectives.

Timeframe for Request for Inclusion

The Board approved a permanent change of 'Request for Inclusion' period to October 1 to October 30 instead of September 1-30. A resolution will need to go through Greene County Legislature to make change official.

Other Business

State funding for farmland conservation.

How can Greene County get some of this funding?

Are Land Trusts, such as Greene Land Trust, working to preserve farmland in Greene County?

Next AFPB Meeting Date and Place

Next meeting Thursday, December 19, 2019, 7:00PM

Location was not discussed.

Outreach

It was suggested that additional outreach be down, for example through local farmers markets to make farmers more aware of opportunity to be part of the ag district.

Motion to Adjourn:

James VanOrden

Second: Deborah Kavakos

Approved

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.