

MINUTES OF FARMLAND COMMITTEE

Suffolk County Planning Department

- Date: April 25, 2000
- Present: Stephen M. Jones, Chairman
Charlie Scheer (At-Large)
Anthony Brand, Jr., (Huntington)
Albert Schmitt (At-Large)
Bennett Orłowski, Jr. (At-Large)
Joseph Krukowski (Southold)
Nate Corwin (At-Large)
Jacob Rottkamp (Riverhead)
Roy Fedelem, S.C. Dept. of Planning
Albert Kilb, Jr. (Shelter Island)
Dan Fricke
William Rutkoske (Islip)
Elmer Zeh (Brookhaven)
Olney M. Gardiner (East Hampton)
Mark Zaweski (At-Large)
Russell Barnett (Smithtown)
Jennifer Kohn, Esq., Counsel
- Guests: William Sanok, CCE
Hoot Sherman, Peconic Land Trust
Chris Wrede, Real Estate Division
Allan Grecco, Real Estate Division
Richard Gregory
Max Jimenez
Nick Buccarelli
Loretta Privett
- Absent: Brian Zitani (Babylon)
Lee Foster (Southampton)

The meeting of the Farmland Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Stephen Jones, at 6:05 at the Arthur Kunz Memorial Library, H. Lee Dennison Bldg., Hauppauge, NY.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was put forth by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Dan Fricke to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2000 meeting of the Farmland Committee. Motion carried.

Friars Head Farm - Land Subdivision

An application by Shepard Sheinberg to subdivide a portion of the Friar Head Farm was presented. Currently 100 acres are used for sod and 30 acres for temporary greenhouses. Applicants are requesting approval to divide off the portion containing greenhouses. Bennett Orlowski feels that PDR land should not be subdivided. The applicants were not represented at the meeting. A suggestion was made that some sort of guidelines should be established regarding minimum size. The subdivision must be approved by the County Legislature. **Elmer Zeh made a motion to table until the next meeting and it was seconded by Jacob Rottkamp.**

New parcels to be added to the waiting list - Including Greenways Fund Properties

The first two (2) parcels are in Huntington - the Schmitt piece (50 acres) on Old East Neck Road and the Schneider piece (21 acres of road frontage) on Old Country Rd. The Town of Huntington passed a resolution requesting that the County consider the acquisition of development rights. **A motion to approve was made by Elmer Zeh and Seconded by Bennett Orlowski. Motion carried.**

The next three (3) parcels are in Brookhaven. The first is the Kennedy parcel (30 acres) on Wading River Rd. The second is Leuthardt. The third is Thee's Dairy (23 acres) in Center Moriches. There is an interested seller but the Town does not have it on their list. Brookhaven is not interested in participating so the Farmland Committee's approval will mean a 100% County funding. **A motion to approve was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Tony Brand. Motion carried.**

The third section is the Town of East Hampton. Many of the parcels were rated low on the Farmland Committee's scale. A suggestion was made by Tony Brand that no parcels falling below 12 should be considered and that a cut-off at 12 (except in special exceptions) on the Committee's rating scale should be established. **A motion was made to approve the Long Lane area and Lauder parcels by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Tony Brand. Motion carried.**

The next piece, which scored 15 points, is the Ryan Family Farm on Shelter Island. It is a horse farm with barns and a house. **A motion to approve was made by Bennett Orlowski and seconded by Mark Zaweski.**

The Town of Riverhead followed with 2,100 acres located principally in Northville, Jamesport and Aquebogue. **A motion to approve the Riverhead parcels was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Bennett Orlowski. Motion carried.**

The next Town was Southampton. **A motion to accept the Southampton parcels, as presented, was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Bennett Orlowski.**

The last Town was Southold. **A motion was made by Bennett Orlowski to accept the parcels with the exception of Christian Baiz, the smaller, non-farm Sepenoski parcels and the Water Authority parcel. Motion was seconded by Mark Zaweski and approved.**

Other Business

We previously approved two (2) barns on four (4) sites on the Kujawski parcel in Riverhead. They would like to erect the bigger of the two (60' x 120') on the south side of Sound Avenue at one of the approved locations.

Steve Jones spoke to Ted Sklar in the Litigation Unit of the County Attorney's offices. He indicated that they are going to go ahead with enforcement actions against John Sipala (Whitman Nurseries).

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July, 25, 2000 in the L.I. Horticulture Research & Extension Center on Sound Avenue in Riverhead at 6:30.

Elmer Zeh made a motion to adjourn at 7:42. It was seconded by Bennett Orłowski. Motion carried.