

MINUTES OF FARMLAND COMMITTEE

Suffolk County Planning Department

- Date: November 4, 2001
- Present: Bennett Orłowski, Jr. (At-Large), Acting Chairman
Thomas Isles, Suffolk County Director of Planning
Elmer Zeh (Brookhaven)
Nate Corwin (At-Large)
Charlie Scheer (At-Large)
Mark Zaweski (At-Large)
Jacob Rottkamp (Riverhead)
Albert Schmitt (At-Large)
Albert Kilb, Jr. (Shelter Island)
Joseph Krukowski (Southold)
- Guests: Paulette Satur
Dan Ross
- Absent: Brian Zitani (Babylon)
Dan Fricke (Riverhead)
Anthony Brand, Jr., (Huntington)
Russell Barnett (Smithtown)
Lee Foster (Southampton)
Olney M. Gardiner (East Hampton)
Gene Murphy (Islip)

The *special* meeting of the Farmland Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Bennett Orłowski, at 12:00 p.m. at Half Hollow Nursery, Laurel, NY.

SEQR Determination

A SEQR resolution drawn up by Jennifer Kohn, Suffolk County Attorney, recommended that Ms. Satur's application to build two (2) greenhouses is a Type II action and the Committee has no further responsibilities under SEQR. **A motion to adopt the recommendation was made by Bennett Orłowski and seconded by Nate Corwin. Motion carried.**

Paulette Satur - Application for Siting Two (2) Greenhouse

A special meeting was held at Paulette Satur's farm to address her application for two (2) greenhouses. Her previous application was not approved and thus rescinded. The new request was to place the greenhouses on the east/west portion of the property rather than northwest. The Committee felt the southeast corner as a first choice and the southwest corner as a second choice were more appropriate sites. There will be a maximum of two (2) greenhouses (30' x 96' each). There will be no construction of the greenhouses until a site plan has been submitted to the Farmland Committee and distributed to all members. In addition, the proposed location shall be

subject to the approval of Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA). All existing structures must be either moved or removed. **A motion for approval of two (2) greenhouses was made by Bennett Orłowski and seconded by Nate Corwin. Motion carried.**

New Parcel to be Considered for PDR

A 134.8 acre farm (tax map #'s 0600-117-2-12.3 and 137-2-10 with 122.6 acres and 12.2 acres, respectively) south of Rte. 25 [east of Edwards Avenue] in Riverhead. Applicant wanted to buy the property, structures included, to build an orphanage and sell the County the development rights on 99 acres. It was scored 8 by the Farmland Committee because it is within an industrial zone, as well as a receiving area for TDR's, and is not contiguous to any other County property. It was previously a horse farm. **A motion for disapproval was made by Charles Scheer and seconded by Nate Corwin. Motion carried.**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 29, 2002 at 3:00 at the H. Lee Dennison Bldg. (4th Fl.), Hauppauge N.Y.**