

## MINUTES OF FARMLAND COMMITTEE

Suffolk County Planning Department

**Date:** April 30, 2002

**Members Present:** Bennett Orłowski, Jr. (At-Large), Chairman  
Thomas A. Isles, Suffolk County Dept. of Planning, Director (At-Large)  
Anthony Brand, Jr., (Huntington)  
Nate Corwin (At-Large)  
Dan Fricke (Riverhead)  
Reed W. Jarvis, Jr. (At-Large)  
Albert Kilb, Jr. (Shelter Island)  
Eugene Murphy (Islip)  
Jacob Rottkamp (Riverhead)  
Charlie Scheer (At-Large)  
Albert Schmitt (At-Large)  
Mark Zaweski (At-Large)  
Elmer Zeh (Brookhaven)

**County Staff:** James Burke, Suffolk County Div. of Real Estate, Acting Director  
Jenny Kohn, Esq., Suffolk County Attorney's Office, Counsel  
Roy Fedelem, S.C. Dept. of Planning

**Guests:** Bill Sanok, CCE  
Hoot Sherman, Peconic Land Trust  
Ken Auerbach

**Members Absent:** Olney M. Gardiner (East Hampton)  
Brian Zitani (Babylon)  
Russell Barnett (Smithtown)  
Lee Foster (Southampton)  
Ronald Bush (At-Large)  
Joseph Krukowski (Southold)

The meeting of the Farmland Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Bennett Orłowski, at 6:05 p.m. at the H. Lee Dennison Bldg., 4<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room, Hauppauge, NY.

### Approval of Minutes

A motion was put forth by Charles Scheer and seconded by Jacob Rottkamp to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2002 meeting of the Farmland Committee. Motion carried. 13-0-0.

## **New Members Welcome**

Chairman Orlowski welcomed new members, Thomas Isles, Reed W. Jarvis, Jr. and Ronald Bush.

## **John Sipala-Status**

After a recap of the last meeting Mr. Sipala presented a map to the Committee regarding his application for a fence. He assured the Committee that more than 80% of the product sold is grown on site. Mr. Orlowski felt that the map was insufficient and lacking in detail. A Resolution was made by **Chairman Orlowski to do a SEQR determination on this application making it a Type II Action and that the Committee has no further responsibility under SEQR. This motion was seconded by Charles Scheer. Motion carried. 13-0-0.**

**A motion was made by Bennett Orlowski to approve the fence subject to receiving a survey by the next meeting, showing buildings to scale, length of fence, type of fence, sales area, farmstand, greenhouses and land not in the program.** Jacob Rottkamp suggested the Committee send Mr. Sipala a letter telling him exactly what is required of him. Roy Fedelem will send a letter to Mr. Sipala. **Motion was seconded by Charles Scheer. Motion carried. 13-0-0.**

## **Osprey's Dominion-Greenhouse on PDR Land**

Bud Koehler spoke to the Committee. He is requesting a 13' x 18' temporary greenhouse on Development Rights land. It is to be used for growing grape vines. To be temporary it cannot have a continuous foundation. The Town will require a building permit for a permanent structure and it will be taxable. Mr. Kohler will submit a drawing . **Chairman Orlowski to do a SEQR determination on this application making it a Type II Action and that the Committee has no further responsibility under SEQR. A motion for approval was made by Tony Brand and seconded by Albert Schmitt. Motion carried 13-0-0. A motion for approval subject to Mr. Kohler submitting a map, was made by Tony Brand and seconded by Albert Schmitt. Motion carried. 13-0-0.**

## **Review of Meeting with Riverhead Committee**

A letter from Lyle Wells was written to Roy Fedelem from the Riverhead Committee requesting the opportunity to review any farmland in Riverhead before it comes to the Farmland Committee. Tom Isles stated that there could be a time restriction on the reviewing of referrals. He also suggested that it would be best to concentrate as much effort as possible on the farm belt. Bennett Orlowski felt that the Farmland Committee should make every effort to purchase farmland anywhere in the County to help a farmer continue farming.

## **New Parcels to be Considered for PDR**

Green Thumb, Water Mill - Halsey property consisting of two (2) pieces totaling 45 acres. One piece is north of railroad tracks and adjacent to County and PDR property and the other is south of

Montauk Highway. The pieces are rated 17 & 15 by the Committee. **A motion for approval was made by Charles Scheer and seconded by Albert Kilb. Motion carried. 13-0-0.**

Topping - Located in Bridgehampton consisting of 75.8 acres with 2500 ft. of road frontage on Halsey Lane. Rated 16 by the Committee. **A motion for approval was made by Elmer Zeh and second by Albert Schmitt. Motion carried. 13-0-0.**

Kijowski - Previously approved

Crown Stable - Formerly disapproved, Ken Auerbach spoke for the applicant. It is not their goal to have horse shows. The part along Route 25 would remain open. **A motion to table by was made by Al Kilb and seconded by Charles Scheer. Motion carried. 13-0-0.**

Next Meeting: **July 30, 2002 at 6:30 P.M. at the L.I. Horticulture and Research Center, Sound Avenue, Riverhead, NY.**

**A motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 P.M. by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Charles Scheer. Motion carried. 13-0-0**