

# MINUTES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY FARMLAND COMMITTEE

## Suffolk County Planning Department

- Date:** October 26, 2004
- Members Present:** Bennett Orłowski, Jr. (At-Large), Chairman  
Thomas A. Isles, Suffolk County Dept. of Planning Director (At-Large)  
Russell Barnett (Smithtown)  
Albert Schmitt (At-Large)  
Mark Zaweski (At-Large)  
Lee Foster (Southampton)  
Alfred J. Kilb, Jr. (Shelter Island)  
Elmer Zeh (Brookhaven)  
Jacob Rottkamp (Riverhead)  
Joseph Krukowski (Southold)  
Olney M. Gardiner (East Hampton)  
Ronald Bush (At-Large)
- County Staff Present:** Janet Longo, Suffolk County Div. of Real Estate  
Robert Zaher, Suffolk County Div. of Real Estate  
Jim Burke, Suffolk County Div. of Real Estate  
Chris Wrede, S. C. Dept. of Planning  
Roy Fedelem, S.C. Dept. of Planning
- Guests:** William Sanok, Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Kimberly Kennedy, Leg. Michael Caracciolo's Office  
Wendy Fine  
Paulette Satur  
Toby Carlson  
Myrna Seva  
Jennifer Toth, Long Island Horse Properties  
Joanne Ambrosini, Long Island Horse Properties  
Herb Strobel  
John Sipala  
Gail Wickham Esq., representing Wendy Fine
- Members Absent:** Reed W. Jarvis, Jr. (At-Large)  
Eugene Murphy (Islip)  
Nate Corwin (At-Large)  
Charlie Scheer (At-Large)  
Dan Fricke (Riverhead)

The meeting of the Suffolk County Farmland Committee was called to order by Chairman Orłowski, at 6:13 p.m. at the Long Island Horticulture Research & Extension Center, Riverhead, NY

### Approval of Minutes

A motion was put forth by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Albert Schmitt to approve the minutes, as amended, of the July 20, 2004 meeting of the Farmland Committee. Motion carried. 12-0-0.

### **Public Portion**

Myrna Seva (a homeowner) spoke. She asked the Farmland Committee if the Bruno property, located behind her property, is it going to be developed? The Committee stated that the property was approved for Purchase of Development Rights. Tom Isles suggested that she go to Brookhaven Town Hall. They might be able to answer some of her questions.

### **Herbert Strobel - Permission to build a barn**

Mr. Strobel requested permission to remove an existing barn and replace it with a larger one. The new barn will be used for storage. **A motion for a SEQRA determination was made by Chairman Orlowski and seconded by Albert Schmitt. Motion carried. 12-0-0.**  
**A motion for approval to build the barn was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Ronald Bush. Motion carried. 12-0-0.**

### **Wendy Fine - Permission to build a house on former Barker Farm**

Gail Wickham, attorney for Wendy Fine, requested permission to build a 1 2 story house with a dormer in an existing footprint, to be used as housing for the farm manager. Tabled for discussion at the next meeting until more information can be obtained regarding the original house footprint.

### **Toby Carlson - Permission to build a training arena in East Northport**

Mr. Carlson discussed his need for an indoor arena and asked permission to build a 140' x 160' arena on two (2) acres in Huntington. He currently boards their four (4) horses but would like to expand. The Farmland Committee suggested contacting N.Y.S. Ag and Markets for their opinion. Mr. Carlson's went directly to the Farmland Committee, so he was unable to tell the Committee what the Town of Huntington's opinion was of his proposal. The Committee decided to postpone a decision until the next meeting.

### **Paulette Satur - Proposed hoop house**

Ms. Satur presented her request for a third hoop house. After a brief history of Ms. Satur's previous requests and a discussion on trailers, **a motion for a SEQRA determination was made by Chairman Orlowski and seconded by Thomas Isles. Motion carried. 12-0-0.**  
**A motion for approval of the hoop house, subject to applicable permits in the Town of Southold and review by NRCS, was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Olney Gardiner. Motion carried. 12-0-0.**

### **John Sipala - Loading dock**

Mr. Sipala requested permission from the Farmland Committee to put in a loading dock with a 180' bulkheading on a sloped area. **a motion for a SEQRA determination was made by Chairman Orlowski and seconded by Elmer Zeh. Motion carried. 12-0-0.** **a motion for approval of the was made by Albert Schmitt and seconded by Mark Zaweski. Motion carried. 12-0-0.**

### **New parcels to be considered for PDR**

Wells Parcels - Two (2) parcels located in Northville in the Town of Riverhead, consisting of 20 and 25.3 acres both scored 17 by the Farmland Committee. **a motion for approval was made by Lee Foster and seconded by Mark Zaweski. Motion carried. 12-0-0.**

Conklin Parcel - Located in Bridgehampton in the Town of Southampton, consisting of 8.8 acres scored 11 by the Committee. **a motion for approval was made by Joe Krukowski and seconded by Jacob Rottkamp. Motion carried 12-0-0.**

Catapano Parcel - Located in the Town of Southold, consisting of 8.2 acres and scored 15 by the Farmland Committee. **a motion for approval was made by Bennett Orłowski and seconded by Joe Krukowski. Motion carried 12-0-0.**

Save the Babies Foundation - Located in E. Moriches in the Town of Brookhaven, consisting of 7.8 acres and scored 6, was rejected by the Committee. **a motion for disapproval was made by Lee Foster and seconded by Thomas Isles. Motion carried. 12-0-0.**

Zeh Family - Located in Calverton in the Town of Riverhead, consisting of 41.7 acres and scored 12 by the Farmland Committee. **a motion for approval was made by Olney Gardiner and seconded by Russell Barnett with an abstention by Elmer Zeh. 11-0-1.**

### **Other Business**

Next year's meeting schedule was approved by consensus.

Chairman Orłowski relayed Charlie Scheer's comments that the Farm Select Committee is having trouble with the review process taking too long. They need to work on speeding it up. By the time the review process is completed, the appraisals are out of date.

Tom Isles told the Committee that there is a proposed Bond Issue for \$75 million of which \$35 million is dedicated to farmland, \$30 to open space and \$10 is for parks and open recreation. The County is aware of the slow turnaround time of the review process and has taken on new staff to speed up the process.

**Next Meeting: January 25, 2005 at 3:00 P.M. at the Arthur Kunz Memorial Library, H. Lee Dennison Bldg., Hauppauge, NY**

**A motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 P.M. by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Joe Krukowski. Motion carried. 12-0-0.**