

MINUTES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY FARMLAND COMMITTEE

Suffolk County Planning Department

Date: January 25, 2005

Members Present: Bennett Orłowski, Jr. (At-Large), Chairman
Thomas A. Isles, Suffolk County Dept. of Planning Director (At-Large)
Nate Corwin (At-Large)
Albert Schmitt (At-Large)
Mark Zaweski (At-Large)
Lee Foster (Southampton)
Alfred J. Kilb, Jr. (Shelter Island)
Joseph Krukowski (Southold)
Olney M. Gardiner (East Hampton)
Ronald Bush (At-Large)
Eugene Murphy (Islip) (arrived late)

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
Roy Fedelem, S.C. Dept. of Planning
Jenny Kohn, Atty

Guests: Joe Gergela, L.I. Farm Bureau
William Sanok
Wendy Fine
Gail Wickham Esq., representing Wendy Fine

Members Absent: Reed W. Jarvis, Jr. (At-Large)
Elmer Zeh (Brookhaven)
Jacob Rottkamp (Riverhead)
Charlie Scheer (At-Large)
Dan Fricke (At-Large)
Russell Barnett (Smithtown) April 12, 2005

The meeting of the Suffolk County Farmland Committee was called to order by Chairman Orłowski, at 3:18 p.m. at the Arthur Kunz Memorial Library, H. Lee Dennison Bldg. 4th Fl., Hauppauge, NY.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was put forth by Olney Gardiner and seconded by Mark Zaweski to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2004 meeting of the Farmland Committee. Motion carried. 10-0-0.

Public Portion

Acknowledgment of public portion. No one requested time to speak at this time.

Wendy Fine - Permission to build a house on former Barker Farm (previously tabled at 10/26/04 meeting)

A motion for a SEQRA determination Type II Action was made by Chairman Orlowski and seconded by Albert Kilb. Motion carried. 10-0-0.

Gail Wickham, attorney for Wendy Fine, requested permission to build a 1 story house with a dormer in an existing footprint, to be used as housing for the farm manager. Because this was a Phase I purchase, permission was given to re-build on the same footprint or as close as possible. If it is necessary to move it back to meet the Town's setback requirements, the yard is not to exceed 20,000 sq. ft. **A motion to approve the reconstruction following the existing footprint (as much as possible) not to exceed 1,100 sq. ft. of the original structure, conforming to the Town's setback requirements and not to exceed 20,000 of maintained parcel, was made by Mark Zaweski and seconded by Joe Krukowski. Motion carried. 10-0-0.**

Toby Carlson - Permission to build a training arena in East Northport (previously tabled at October 26, 2004 meeting)

A motion was made by Lee Foster to table Toby Carlson's request and seconded by Albert Kilb. Motion carried. 11-0-0.

New parcels to be considered for PDR

Smoke Run - Six (6) acres located in Stony Brook in the Town of Brookhaven scored 7 by the Farmland Committee. **A motion for approval was made by Albert Kilb and seconded by Lee Foster. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Glover - Consists of 10.4 acres located in Yaphank in the Town of Brookhaven and scored 10 by the Committee. **A motion for approval was made by Ronald Bush and seconded by Albert Schmitt. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Green Meadows - Located in Calverton in the Town of Riverhead consisted of 108.8 acres and scored 12 by the Farmland Committee. **A Motion for approval was made by Nate Corwin and seconded by Albert Schmitt. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Other Business

Janet Longo, Suffolk County Div. of Real Estate, updated the Farmland Committee as to the status of farmland acquisitions. Last year the Division of Real Estate closed on 202 acres of farmland or \$6.5 million, 200 acres (\$6.5 million) and have accepted offers for 350 acres or \$20 million. New people have been hired to expedite the processing of the appraisals, shortening the turnaround time.

The agenda for the upcoming meetings will be sent out **2 weeks** prior to the meeting.

Next Meeting: April 26, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. at the L.I. Horticulture Research & Extension Center, Riverhead, New York.

A motion to adjourn was made at 4:07 P.M. by William Gardiner and seconded by Joe Krukowski. Motion carried. 10-0-0.