

MINUTES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY FARMLAND COMMITTEE

Suffolk County Planning Department

Date: October 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)
Lee Foster (Southampton)
Albert Schmitt (At-Large)
Mark Zaweski (At-Large)
Alfred J. Kilb, Jr. (Shelter Island) (*Did Not Stay*)
Joseph Krukowski (Southold)
Ronald Bush (At-Large)
Elmer Zeh (Brookhaven)
Russell Barnett (Smithtown)
Charlie Scheer (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
Roy Fedelem, Suffolk County Dept. of Planning
Christopher Wrede, Suffolk County Dept. of Planning
Jenny Kohn, Suffolk County Department of Law

Guests: Joe Gergela, L.I. Farm Bureau
William Sanok
Lauren Tarnett, EECO Farm
John Malafronte
Peter Garmain
John Green
Marie Tooker, Abess Farm
L. Brown for C. Woelffer
John Brigati, White Post Farm
Lauren Brigati, White Post Farm
Norman Kiel
Harvey J. Gardiner
Marija Gardiner

Members Absent: Olney M. Gardiner (East Hampton)
Dan Fricke (At-Large)
Eugene Murphy (Islip)

Chairman Orłowski, called the meeting of the Suffolk County Farmland Committee to order at 6:05 p.m. at the L.I. Horticulture Research & Extension Center, Riverhead, NY.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was put forth by Charles Scheer and seconded by Albert Schmitt to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2005 meeting of the Farmland Committee. Motion carried. 12-0-0.

A moment of silence was observed for Jacob Rottkamp

Public Comments

Chairman Orłowski opened the meeting for public comments. There being none, the Chairman moved to the next item on the agenda.

White Post Farms

The boundary of White Post Farm has exceeded the property line and gone over into County property. Also, there were 16 greenhouses that he had not received approval for as well as concrete walkways which were never approved. Mr. Brigati also wants to legalize overnight storage of commercial vehicles as well as approval for outside storage of fertilizer. He is also maintaining a commercial composting operation which is not allowed. John Brigati of White Post Farms spoke. He informed the Committee that the property line has been corrected. He also agreed not to sell compost any longer.

Marija Gardiner, a nearby resident, spoke and complained about the odor from the composting.

Joe Gergela spoke to the Committee stating that this goes beyond farming operations and that he recommends contacting Ag & Markets to look at this and give a legal opinion.

A motion to contact Ag & Markets to make an inspection of the farm and its operation and report their findings to the Farmland Committee was made by Lee Foster and seconded by Nate Corwin. Motion carried. 12-0-0.

Chairman Orłowski told the Committee that White Post Farm will submit a site plan and that they will not sell compost.

Albert Kilb left the meeting due to a family emergency

Detmer Farm

The first part of a two-part request was from Norman Keil who asked for approval of a 6 ft. deer fence, wells, irrigation pumps and a loading dock. **A motion for approval was made by ----- and seconded by Elmer Zeh subject to a drainage plan, and to supply the Farmland Committee with a copy of the plan. Motion carried 11-0-0.**

The second part (owned by Daniel O'Neil) was regarding the inappropriate use of a farm store. The store seems to exceed the guidelines that County Law requires (80% must be grown on premises) and appears to be in violation of the items sold. There was also some question as to whether or not there was an inspection by the Health Dept. for cooking on premises and whether or

not they have an Ag and Markets permit. Jenny Kohn, Suffolk County counsel, suggested that an investigation be done to determine the irregularities and that for future reference a procedure to follow should be set up. **A motion was made by Chairman Orlowski to follow through with an inspection to determine if there are violations. This was seconded by Nate Corwin. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Woelffer Farm

Laura Brown, representing Woelffer, spoke to the Committee. They are requesting a barn renovation, a horse carousel, a fence and enlarging a pond for irrigation. The Committee requested that a site plan be supplied.

Roufanis/Fleming Farm

They are requesting permission to renovate the Fleming house and a barn within the footprint of the original building. The Farmland Committee will wait for a site plan.

Abbess Farm

Marie Tooker from Abbess spoke to the Farmland Committee. She requested a 100' X 200' metal training arena. **A motion for approval, subject to a site plan, was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Nate Corwin. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

ECCO Farm

They are requesting to relocate an existing solar electric fence deer fence to fill in a gap along Long Lane. They are also asking permission to put in cattle guard entrances along either end. **A motion for approval was made by Lee Foster and seconded by Charles Scheer. Motion carried 11-0-0. A motion for a SEQRA determination Type II Action was made and seconded. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

New Parcels

The following Southold parcels offered for the Suffolk County Purchase of Development Rights Program were approved, pending an acceptance letter from the farmer/landowner. ***A motion for approval was made by Charles Scheer and seconded by Joseph Krukowski. Motion carried. 11-0-0.***

McBride, Richard & James - 11.3 acres in Cutchogue scored 18 points

Demchak, Michael & Maria - 49.8 acres in Cutchogue scored 18 points

Damianos (Pindar) - 74.1 acres in Peconic scored 18 points

Otto Kell Florist - 31.4 acres in Peconic scored 18 points

Krupski, Albert Sr. - 18.6 acres in Peconic scored 18 points

Simon, Est. of - 32.1 acres in Peconic scored 19 points

Damianos (Pindar) - 28.4 acres in Peconic scored 17 points

Schmitt, Anthony - Two (2) parcels consisting of 54.6 and 12.2 in Cutchogue. Both scored 13

Kauneckas, Louise - 26.1 acres in Cutchogue scored 18
Krupski, John P. - 13.1 acres in Cutchogue scored 19
RHX Corporation - 36 acres in Cutchogue scored 20
Macari Associates - 26.5 acres in Cutchogue scored 18
Friemann - 17.6 acres in Cutchogue scored 14
Glover, Leander Jr. - 12.6 acres in Cutchogue scored 17
Dank, Leonard & Beryl - 24.6 acres in Cutchogue scored 18
Imbriano, Anthony - 29.8 acres in Cutchogue scored 14
Calabrese, John & Joanne - 20 acres in Cutchogue scored 16
Robinson, Roger - 34.4 acres in Mattituck scored 16
Sidor, Martin B. Jr. - 62 acres in Mattituck scored 18
L & R Vineyard LLC - Two (2) parcels consisting of 14.5 and 96.5 in Cutchogue. Both scored 21
Wickham, William - 32.2 acres in Cutchogue scored 15
Edson, Grace - 25.3 acres in Cutchogue scored 14
Wickham Fruit Stand - 35.8 acres in Cutchogue scored 15
Swain, Warren & Nancy - 15.6 acres in Mattituck scored 18
Krupski, Anthony - 43.1 acres in Mattituck scored 19
Girards, Carol Jean - 10.1 acres in Mattituck scored 14
Carucci, Casmo - 12.9 acres in Mattituck scored 14
Tuthill, John C. - 17.3 acres in Mattituck scored 17
Ackermann, William & Theresa - 57.6 acres in Cutchogue scored 16
Pindar - 23.8 acres in Mattituck scored 16
Galluccio Estate Vineyard - 50.4 acres in Cutchogue scored 14
Pellegrini Holdings LLC - 35.9 acres in Cutchogue scored 16
Wickham Fruit Stand - 29.6 acres in Cutchogue scored 9
Wickham, John - 15.4 acres in Cutchogue scored 7
Macari, Joseph - Two (2) parcels consisting of 27.5 and 97.3 in Mattituck, one unrated and the other scored 13
Maarakooka North LLC - 22.7 acres in Mattituck scored 16
Lane, Christina - 24 acres in Mattituck scored 17
Ginsberg, Robert - 11.3 acres in Southampton scored 13. **A motion for approval was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Lee Foster. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**
Manor Lane (Herrick's Lane) - **A motion for rejection was made by Charles Scheer and seconded by Nate Corwin. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**
Tri State Horticultural Services - Scored 15 by the Farmland Committee. Riverhead may currently be doing an appraisal. **A motion to table and check with Riverhead and Marion Sumner at Peconic Land Trust was made by Lee Foster and seconded by Albert Kilb. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**
Ellgreen (DeLea Sod Farm) - 26 Acres located in Huntington on Elwood Rd. scored 9 by the Committee. Joe Gergela told the Committee that the owner would use PDR money to buy more farmland. **A motion for approval was made by Charles Scheer and seconded by Russell Barnett. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Public Comments

Chairman Orłowski again opened the meeting for any additional public comments. There being none, the Chairman moved to the next item on the agenda.

Other Business

There being none, the Chairman moved to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 P.M. by Charles Scheer and seconded by Elmer Zeh. Motion carried. 11-0-0.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2006 at 3:00 P.M. at the H. Lee Dennison Bldg. 4th floor, Hauppauge, NY

