

MINUTES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY FARMLAND COMMITTEE
Suffolk County Planning Department

Date: October 25, 2006

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

County Staff Present: Robert Zaher, Suffolk County Div. of Real Estate
Fedelem, Suffolk County Dept. of Planning
Ted Klein, Suffolk County Dept. of Planning
Jenny Kohn, Suffolk County Department of Law

Guests: Richard O'Dea
Don Garber
Herb Mones
Robert deZafra
David Klenawicus
Clare Santangelo
Joe Annunziata
David M. Larin
David Stalb
Don J. Guichard
Fred Hammerle
Normal Keil
Thomas A. Fairfield
Edward Ernst

Members Absent: Jeffrey Rottkamp

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 Mark Zaweski to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2006 meeting of the Farmland Committee. Motion carried. 15-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Herb Mones, President of the Civic Association of the Setaukets, spoke to the Farmland Committee regarding the problems with Detmer farm, including advertising live music, roasted corn, hayrides and the large gravel parking area. He also distinguished between what Dan O'Neil does and Mr. Keil's farming operation.

DETMER FARM - PLAYGROUND

Another speaker questions why the October 20, 2006 deadline, imposed by the Suffolk County Planning Department to remove the castle and playground, was ignored by Mr. O'Neil. Roy Fedelem explained that this deadline was arbitrarily set before the October 24 Farmland Committee meeting so a report could be presented to the Committee. Mr. O'Neil did not comply until November 1. A follow-up inspection of the site will be done.

DETMER FARM - NORMAL KEIL, OVER-WINTERING GREENHOUSES

Norman Keil requested over-wintering greenhouses. He also told the Committee that he has done a lot of work on his own to contain runoff. Charles Scheer told the Committee that the greenhouses are considered equipment. **A motion for a SEQRA determination Type II Action was made by Al Kilb and seconded by Al Schmitt . Motion carried. 15-0-0. A motion for approval was made by Nate Corwin and was seconded by Al Schmitt. Motion carried. 15-0-0.**

OWEN BROTHERS - STORAGE BUILDING

No representation from Owen Brothers to present an updated site plan.

JOE ANNUZIATA - HORSE SHOWS

Lee Foster and Nate Corwin went to a horse show and informed the Committee that Mr. Annuziata was in compliance with the Committee's regulations as far as no bleachers, no admission charge, etc. Mr. Annuziata told the Committee that the new arena is not on the PDR property. The County has no insurable interest in the property. All paddocks have grass rotation and grass planting. **Al Kilb made a motion to draft a "letter of understanding" spelling out the Farmland Committee's guidelines as to what will be allowable in future horse shows (15 spectator events per year, no admission, no seating, etc.) The motion was seconded by Lee Foster. Motion carried. 15-0-0.**

ERNST - HORSE STALLS AND FENCES

Mr. Ernst requested permission for a private horse boarding and breeding facility for about 24 horses with a riding arena. There will be no riding lessons. **A motion for a SEQRA determination Type II Action was made by Charles Scheer and seconded by Al Kilb. A motion to allow the barn and fencing was made by Charles Scheer and seconded by Al Kilb. Motion carried. 15-0-0.**

JOHN SIPALA - METAL BUILDING FOR STORAGE

David Larin appeared on the behalf of John Sipala. Mr. Sipala requested an agricultural building (metal) for storage of tractors and farm equipment. **A motion for a SEQRA determination Type II Action was made by Al Kilb and seconded by Russell Barnett. Motion carried. 15-0-0.** If electric service for the building is desired, Mr. Sipala must return to the Committee with that request. **Charles Scheer made a motion to approve the storage building,**

as submitted and subject to local ordinances. The request was seconded by Al Schmitt. Motion carried. 15-0-0.

MC CULLOUGH - DEER FENCE

Sam McCullough requested a 7 ½ ft. high, mesh deer fence for his vineyard. **A motion for a SEQRA determination Type II Action was made by Lee Foster and seconded by Al Kilb. Motion carried. 15-0-0. A motion for approval of the deer fence was made by Nate Corwin and seconded by Mark Zaweski. Motion carried. 15-0-0.**

HEILBUT FARM - COOKS LANE, SOUTHAMPTON

The County inspector determined that Heilbut Farm is building a house next to the PDR parcel and using the farm road as access to the house. This was previously requested and had been denied by the Farmland Committee. The Committee felt that the Town of Southampton and the owner should be informed that there are encumbrances on the property.

CARNIVAL AT ABBESS FARM

A carnival at the Abbess Farm appeared to overlap onto the PDR property. The Town informed the Farmland Committee the day before the carnival actually took place - too late for the Committee to do anything. Letters are going out to the Town and the owner to clarify the Farmland Committee's position that carnivals are not allowed on PDR land. Mark Zaweski felt there should be a penalty for violation of the Farmland Committee rules.

NEW PARCELS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PDR

See Attached

OTHER BUSINESS

Fred Hammerle questioned whether or not he would be allowed to build greenhouses if he purchased PDR land (formerly Elmer Zeh's property). The Committee assured him that greenhouses would not be a problem.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:55 P.M.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2007 at 3:00 P.M. at the Arthur Kunz Memorial Library, H. Lee Dennison Building, 4th Fl., Hauppauge, NY.