

MINUTES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY FARMLAND COMMITTEE

Suffolk County Planning Department

Date: October 28, 2003

Members Present: Bennett Orłowski, Jr. (At-Large), Chairman
Thomas A. Isles, Suffolk County Dept. of Planning Director (At-Large)
Anthony Brand, Jr., (Huntington)
Albert Schmitt (At-Large)
Ronald Bush (At-Large)
Lee Foster (Southampton)
Charlie Scheer (At-Large)
Elmer Zeh (Brookhaven)
Joseph Krukowski (Southold)
Nate Corwin (At-Large)
Mark Zaweski (At-Large)

County Staff Present: Robert Zaher, Suffolk County Div. of Real Estate
James Burke, Suffolk County Div. of Real Estate
Jenny Kohn, Esq., Suffolk County Attorney's Office, Counsel
Chris Wrede, S. C. Dept. of Planning
Roy Fedelem, S.C. Dept. of Planning

Guests: William B. White

Members Absent: Brian Zitani (Babylon)
Russell Barnett (Smithtown)
Dan Fricke (Riverhead)
Alfred J. Kilb, Jr. (Shelter Island)
Eugene Murphy (Islip)
Jacob Rottkamp (Riverhead)
Olney M. Gardiner (East Hampton)
Reed W. Jarvis, Jr. (At-Large)

The meeting of the Suffolk County Farmland Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Bennett Orłowski, at 6:01 p.m. at the Long Island Horticulture Research & Extension Center, Riverhead, NY

Approval of Minutes

A motion was put forth by Mark Zaweski and seconded by Elmer Zeh to approve the minutes of the July 29 , 2003 meeting of the Farmland Committee. Motion carried. 11-0-0.

Vernon Wells-Permission to construct an agricultural storage building

A request for permission to construct a storage building at a slightly different location than previously discussed. **A motion for approval at its current location was put forth by Nate**

Corwin and seconded by Elmer Zeh. Motion carried. 11-0-0.

Ralph Caselnova-Permission to construct a storage shed

Requested permission to construct a 10' x 20' shed for storage of tractor, mower and hand tools. **A motion for approval was put forth by Lee Foster and seconded by Elmer Zeh. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Fleming/Roufanis Farm - What is allowed?

There were questions from a prospective buyer as to what is allowed in terms of rebuilding a dilapidated building and house and barn. Mr. Millman would like to use an existing barn to make wine with the addition of a below ground cellar. The Committee may allow the rebuilding of the house and the frame building in the existing footprint. It has previously been the Committee's contention that a winery is processing and it is not allowed.

William White - Agricultural building on PDR land in Southampton

Mr. White requested permission to build a 76' x 150' horse training facility in Southampton. **A motion was made by Elmer Zeh to do a SEQR determination on this application making it a Type II Action stating that the Committee has no further responsibility under SEQR. Motion seconded by Charles Scheer. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

A motion for approval was made by Lee Foster and seconded by Nate Corwin. Motion carried. 11-0-0.

Reverse Auction

Tom Isles updated the Committee on the Dutch Auction (Reverse Auction). Eight (8) bids were received from the letters that were sent out. Bids will be accepted until November 21, 2003. Each bid will be reviewed by the Committee as to its ranking. There is a possibility that an additional meeting of the Farmland Committee may be necessary in December or early January to review the bids.

Federal Grants

Jenny Kohn discussed Federal language and requirements to receive Federal funding. The Government will not budge on the "2% Rule" on coverage limiting impervious surfaces to only 2%. Instead of adding Federal language into contracts it was determined that it would be better to include the Federal language in a rider to the contract.

New Parcels to be considered for PDR

Daniel Donahue - 10.9 acres located in Calverton in the Town of Riverhead scored 13 by the Committee. **A motion for approval was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Nate Corwin. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Collura - 7.1 acres located in Speonk in the Town of Southampton scored 7 by the Committee. **A motion to decline was made by Lee foster and seconded by Elmer Zeh. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Rodgers - 38.1 acres in Yaphank in the Town of Brookhaven scored 12 by the Committee. **A motion for approval was made by Albert Schmitt and seconded by Joseph Krukowski. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Hoshyla/Carr - 46.1 acres in Manorville in the Town of Brookhaven scored 14 by the Committee. **A motion for approval was made by Lee Foster and seconded by Charles Scheer. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

2004 Meeting Calendar

The 2004 calendar was approved

Other Business

Charles Scheer raised the question: Would the County allow worker housing on property like the Town of Riverhead allows?

Next Meeting: January 27, 2004 at 3:00 P.M., H. Lee Dennison Bldg., 4th Floor, Hauppauge, NY.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:12 P.M. by Anthony Brand and seconded by Elmer Zeh. Motion carried. 11-0-0.