

# MINUTES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY FARMLAND COMMITTEE

Suffolk County Planning Department

**Date:** July 20, 2004

**Members** Bennett Orłowski, Jr. (At-Large), Chairman

**Present:** Thomas A. Isles, Suffolk County Dept. of Planning Director (At-Large)

Russell Barnett (Smithtown)

Albert Schmitt (At-Large)

Dan Fricke (Riverhead)

Lee Foster (Southampton)

Alfred J. Kilb, Jr. (Shelter Island)

Charlie Scheer (At-Large)

Elmer Zeh (Brookhaven)

Jacob Rottkamp (Riverhead)

Nate Corwin (At-Large)

**County Staff** Janet Longo, Suffolk County Div. of Real Estate

**Present:** Robert Zaher, Suffolk County Div. of Real Estate

Chris Wrede, S. C. Dept. of Planning

Roy Fedelem, S.C. Dept. of Planning

**Guests:** Joseph Gergela, L.I. Farm Bureau

William Sanok, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Hoot Sherman, Peconic Land Trust

Leg. Michael Caracciolo

**Members** Reed W. Jarvis, Jr. (At-Large)

**Absent:** Anthony Brand, Jr. (Huntington)

Ronald Bush (At-Large)

Eugene Murphy (Islip)

Olney M. Gardiner (East Hampton)

Mark Zaweski (At-Large)

Joseph Krukowski (Southold)

The meeting of the Suffolk County Farmland Committee was called to order by Chairman Orłowski, at 6:06 p.m. at the Long Island Horticulture Research & Extension Center, Riverhead, NY

## Approval of Minutes

A motion was put forth by Charles Scheer and seconded by Jacob Rottkamp to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2004 meeting of the Farmland Committee. Motion carried. 11-0-0.

## Public Portion

Joseph Gergela of the L.I. Farm Bureau, made the Committee aware of a meeting August 4, 2004

at 1:00 p.m. at the Legislative Building in Hauppauge. The Suffolk County Legislature's Environment Committee will discuss a resolution to have \$50 million in new farmland money go before the voters in November if passed by the Legislature.

### **John Sipala-Permission to Install an Iron Gate and Fencing**

Mr. Sipala requested permission to install 2 iron gates and hedge for security reasons. **A motion was made by Chairman Orlowski 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 Russell Barnett. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

**A motion for approval of the gates and hedges was made by Nate Corwin and seconded by Albert Schmitt. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

### **New Parcels to be Considered for PDR**

Pollack Parcels - Located in Eastport, consisting of 69 acres and scored 12 by the Farmland Committee. **A motion for approval was made by Lee Foster and seconded by Russell Barnett. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Doziak Parcels - Located in Manorville, consisting of four (4) parcels and scored 12 by the Committee. **A motion for approval was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Albert Kilb. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Bruno Parcels - Located in Manorville, consisting of two (2) parcels planted mostly in vegetables, some woods, wetlands and a composting area. **With the 12 acres of woods removed and any commercial composting be disallowed, a motion for approval was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Albert Kilb. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Spencer Parcel - Located in Manorville. There is a subdivision pending. It scored 10 by the Farmland Committee because of poor soil. **A motion for approval was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Nate Corwin. Motion carried. 11-0-0.**

Kuey Parcel - Scored 9 by the Committee. **A motion for disapproval was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Albert Schmitt. Motion carried 11-0-0.**

### **2002 Agricultural Census**

Roy Fedelem gave a brief presentation on the Agricultural Census.

### **Other Business**

Legislator Michael Caracciolo spoke. He asked for support from the Farmland Committee and the Long Island Farm Bureau for a \$50 million bond (Resolution No. 1330). The meeting will be on August 4 at 1:00 in the Legislative meeting room in Hauppauge. A reminder will be sent out to attend the Environment, Planning and Agriculture Committee.

Lee Foster informed the Committee that there is some concern that the 8283 document relating to

bargain sales are not being signed by the County. Tom Isles assured the Committee that he would pass this along to the Administration.

The Committee requested that the Farmland Committee look at the property in Coram on Mill Road which had been approved at the last meeting. He stated the property is not a farm.

Lee Foster mentioned to the Committee that she felt Dr. Lee Koppelman's comments about Southampton were unfortunate and that property there is not being looked at favorably any more. She also informed the Committee that the County Health Department is insisting on public water and roads before lots are subdivided.

Tom Isles told the Committee that farms are being pursued on the South Fork and that there are new review processes and ways of setting offers. The Environmental Trust Review Board, consisting of four (4) executives appointees and five (5) legislative representatives, will set prices.

**Next Meeting: October 26, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. at the Long Island Horticulture Research & Extension Center, Riverhead, NY**

**A motion to adjourn was made at 7:00 P.M. by Charles Scheer and seconded by Elmer Zeh. Motion carried. 10-0-0.**