

MINUTES OF FARMLAND COMMITTEE

Suffolk County Planning Department

Date: October 29, 2002

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

Present: Thomas A. Isles, Suffolk County Dept. of Planning Director (At-Large)
Anthony Brand, Jr., (Huntington)
Ronald Bush (At-Large)
Nate Corwin (At-Large)
Lee Foster (Southampton)
Albert Kilb, Jr. (Shelter Island)
Joseph Krukowski (Southold)
Eugene Murphy (Islip)
Jacob Rottkamp (Riverhead)
Charlie Scheer (At-Large)
Albert Schmitt (At-Large)
Mark Zaweski (At-Large)
Elmer Zeh (Brookhaven)

Count Staff James Burke, Suffolk County Div. of Real Estate, Acting Director
Jenny Kohn, Esq., Suffolk County Attorney's Office, Counsel

Present: Roy Fedelem, S.C. Dept. of Planning

Guests: Bill Sanok, CCE
Becky Wisemann, Long Island Farm Bureau
Michael J. Caracciolo, Legislature

Members Olney M. Gardiner (East Hampton)

Absent: Brian Zitani (Babylon)
Russell Barnett (Smithtown)
Reed W. Jarvis, Jr. (At-Large)
Dan Fricke (Riverhead)

The meeting of the Farmland Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Bennett Orłowski, at 6:36 p.m. at the L.I. Horticulture Research and Extension Center in Riverhead.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was put forth by Charles Scheer and seconded by Albert Schmitt to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2002 meeting of the Farmland Committee. Motion carried. 14-0-0.

Paulette Satur

Currently in litigation

Chairman Orlowski introduced newest member, Ronald Bush.

Warren's Nursery, Water Mill-Permission to erect deer fence in Southampton

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 Mark Zaweski. Motion carried. 14-0-0.

Permission was requested to build a 6" x 6" galvanized mesh deer fence, eight (8) feet high. **A motion for approval, subject to local ordinances, was made by Charles Scheer and seconded by Jacob Rottkamp. Motion carried 14-0-0.**

Todd and Craig Wells-Permission for a 60' x 120' Morton Building for potato storage

No representatives were present and maps were not submitted

Wind Turbines

Wind turbines are not an agricultural product and cannot be put on PDR land, but can be used for power on site.

Changes to Suffolk County Farmland Contract

All changes are found either in the deed or contract. The federal govt. wanted new construction standards. The new contract language was voted on by the Farmland Committee. All new construction will be for agricultural use only and will require a vote of the Farmland Committee. Applications for the operation and construction of a farmstand will be subject to the provisions of Suffolk County Code and the effect on topsoil are to be considered along with the impact on vistas.

A motion was made by Lee Foster 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 Al Kilb. Motion carried. 14-0-0. A motion to approve the new standards was made by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Al Kilb. Motion carried. 14-0-0.

New Parcels to be Considered for PDR

32 parcels totaling 722.9 acres were approved
9 parcels containing 152.2 acres were rejected
3 parcels containing 114.7 acres were tabled

Other Business

Tom Isles' Washington Trip

Another round of Federal grants will start in December

Keyspan property-New York State is acquiring the property and will sell the farm rights to a farmer

Introduction of Legislator Michael J. Caracciolo

Next Meeting: January 28, 2003 at 3:00 P.M. in the H. Lee Dennison Bldg, 4th fl., Hauppauge, N.Y.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:13 P.M. by Elmer Zeh and seconded by Jacob Rottkamp. Motion carried. 14-0-0