



Schuyler County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

Schuyler County Planning Department
105 Ninth Street, Unit 39
Watkins Glen, NY 14891
Tel: (607) 535-8211 Fax: (607) 535-8193

February 19, 2015
Human Services Complex
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Present: Walter Adam, Elaine Dalrymple, Ben Dickens, Rory Miller, Tom Bloodgood, John Murch,
Ben Rawleigh
Staff: Kristin VanHorn
Public: none
Excused: Brett Chedzoy
Absent: Michael Lausell, Dan Teed

Meeting Called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes: Motion to approve the November meeting minutes as submitted made by Elaine Dalrymple, and seconded by Walter Adam
All in favor vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2015: Motion to appoint the following as the officers of the AFPB for 2015
Chair: Ben Dickens
Vice Chair: Dan Teed (not present to accept)
Secretary: Kristin VanHorn
All in favor vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Ag Awareness Tour - Date for 2015

- Still working on setting up at date but will be late May/early June.
- Probable farms that we would visit include: Reisingers, Shtayburne Creamery, Rory Miller's farm and Lakewood Vineyards.
- The school tour will be May 26 at Bergen Farms

2. Ag District #2 8-Year review

- Had a discussion around what was considered “viable farmland” and whether or not a municipal or school property could be included.
 - Motion to include all proposed parcels contingent on any law the precluded the inclusion of municipal/school properties made by Elaine Dalrymple, and seconded by Walter Adam *All in favor vote. Motion passed unanimously.*
 - **UPDATE:** Motion to include parcel # 71.00-1-11 (Bradford School)
Motion to include parcel #71,00-1-12 (Bradford School Baseball Field)
A roll call vote via email was conducted on both motions:
Parcel 71.00-1-11:
Yes: John Murch, Walter Adam, Elaine Dalrymple, Ben Rawleigh, Brett Chedzoy, Michael Lausell
No: Tom Bloodgood

Parcel 71.00-1-12:
Yes: John Murch, Tom Bloodgood, Walter Adam, Elaine Dalrymple, Ben Rawleigh, Brett Chedzoy, Michael Lausell
No:
- Motion to approve the draft renewal report and submit to the legislature made by Tom Bloodgood, and seconded by Ben Dickens *All in favor vote. Motion passed unanimously.*

New Business

1. 2015 Annual Ag District Enrollment
 - Reviewed each of the three parcels that petitioned to be included. A discussion was had on the viability of forested land
 - Brett Chedzoy submitted via email: With the growing popularity of agroforestry activities like maple syrup production and silvopasturing, these parcels may very well be suitable and destined for those activities (which are considered agricultural under NYSDAM law). But in reviewing the maps, it appears that some of the parcels may be somewhat isolated – particularly the one on CR 21 near Templar Rd. I don’t really see a problem with having isolated parcels in the middle of non-ag district parcels
 - Motion to include the proposed parcels within Ag District #1 and Ag District #2 made by Tom Bloodgood and seconded by Elaine Dalrymple. *All in favor vote. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion to Adjourn made by Walter Adam at 7:42pm

Next Meeting: May 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Human Services Building



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May 18, 2015
Human Services Complex
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Present: Brett Chedzoy, Elaine Dalrymple, Rory Miller, Tom Bloodgood, John Murch, Ben Rawleigh, Michael Lausell, Dan Teed
Staff: Kristin VanHorn
Public: none
Excused: Walter Adam, Ben Dickens
Absent: Tom Bloodgood

Meeting Called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes: Motion to approve the February meeting minutes as submitted made by Elaine Dalrymple, and seconded by Rory Miller
All in favor vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2015: Ben Dickens asked to step down as chair; new slate of officers was presented to the board. Motion to appoint the following as the officers of the AFPB for 2015 made by Elaine Dalrymple, and seconded by Michael Lausell

Chair: Dan Teed

Vice Chair: Rory Miller

Secretary: Kristin VanHorn

All in favor vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Ag Awareness Tour - Date for 2015

- Date for the tour will be September 24, 2015 from 8-12
- Visit will include Reisingers, Shtayburne Creamery, Rory Miller's farm and the Chedzoy Farm which will include lunch. If there is time may also go to Lakewood Vineyards.
- Hoping to get all of the elected officials as well as code enforcement and local planning and zoning board members.

New Business

1. Discussion of proposed changes to the Ag and Markets Law
 - Elaine asked if there was still a process in place for citizens to make complaints.

Other:

1. Rory Miller discussed recent issues with the control of Guard Dogs/Working Dogs on his farm.
 - All agreed that this was something for Farm Bureau to address and attempt to get new legislation in place to address this.
 - Working Dogs are the most successful form of flock management
2. Farm Bureau – Dan Teed reported that the school tours will be taking place on May 26th and that they are looking for volunteers to help with the event.

Motion to Adjourn made by John Murch at 7:43pm

Next Meeting: August 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Human Services Building



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November 16, 2015
Human Services Complex
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Present: Brett Chedzoy, Elaine Dalrymple, Ben Rawleigh, Michael Lausell, Dan Teed
Staff: Kristin VanHorn
Public: none
Excused: Walter Adam, Ben Dickens, John Murch, Rory Miller
Absent: Tom Bloodgood

Meeting Called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes: Motion to approve the May meeting minutes as submitted made by Elaine Dalrymple, and seconded by Michael Lausell
All in favor vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Ag Awareness Tour - September 24, 2015

- Kristin reported that there has only been positive feedback about the tour.
- Brett Chedzoy said that we should continue to plan on holding the tour every 2 years.
- Dan Teed thanked Brett for all of the work that he put into the organizing the tour.

New Business

1. Membership Renewal

- If members would like to be reappointed to another 4 year term, they should let Kristin know by December 31.

2. Polly-O Cheese Factory Closing

- The group had a discussion about the closing of the Polly-O factory in Campbell and the impact it may have on Schuyler County Dairy Farmers.
- Trying to determine how much of the milk from Schulyer County goes to the plant is a little difficult because it depends on the co-op and the day of the week often
 - A large portion of Seneca Valley Farm goes to the Campbell plant and small portion of Glen View farms as well.
- There may be an opportunity to coordinate with SCOPED on siting a production facility in the business park to address the overall impact of the demand based on the plant closing.

- Dan Teed asked about the idea of hosting some kind of an open-forum for local farmers to discuss the impact.

Other:

1. Farm Bureau – Conducting their annual membership drive. Held the 2nd Harvest Dinner which was very successful and they expect that it will become an annual event.
2. CCE – Holding annual meeting on Nov 18, from 6-8 and conducting Maple School at the Tyrone Fire Dept. on December 5.
3. Soil and Water – Still waiting on the terms of the governors grant to help with infrastructure improvements and investments for farmers.

Motion to Adjourn made by Elaine Dalrymple at 8:00pm

Next Meeting: **February 17, 2016** at 7:00 pm at the Human Services Building