

MINUTES
CAYUGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
April 7, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm in the Chambers of the County Legislature on the sixth floor of the County Office Building.

The minutes from October 2003 were approved with the following correction: The hamlet of Mottville should be Montville.

Presentation on Agricultural District #5

Presented by: Amy D'Angelo, Cayuga County Planning

Ms. D'Angelo outlined the provisions of the NYS Agricultural (Ag) District Law, what is involved in the Ag District Review process, and information directly pertaining to Ag. District No. 5.

Cayuga County Planning and Cornell Cooperative Extension in Cayuga County are working together to complete the Ag District Review, to be voted on by the Cayuga County Legislature, and certified by NYS Ag and Markets.

The Ag District was originally State certified in 1980 and encompasses land in Towns of Montezuma, Mentz, Throop, Aurelius, Springport, and Fleming. The nature of farming in this district is mostly large dairying, cash crop, vegetable and livestock farming.

Cayuga Cornell County Cooperative Extension completed an Ag District Review Profile of the 64,613 acres within Ag District #5, using 1997 Ag Census Data. Approximately 72% of the Ag District acreage is in farming (46,169 acres), approximately 45% of the farmland is cropped (28,768 acres), and of the number of acres in farming approximately 20% (9,234 acres) is rented, and 80% (36,935 acres) is owned. The number of farms decreased due to consolidation, although the number of acres in farming remained relatively constant.

The following recommendations for modifications were made:

Recommend addition of 2 parcels, which total 211.17 acres, to District 5:

TM #121.00-1-44.1 (Town of Aurelius, Owner Ted & Kelly O'Hara, 95.8 acres)
TM #121.00-1-8.121 (Town of Aurelius, Owner Ted & Kelly O'Hara, 115.9 acres)

Recommend removal of 15 parcels, which total 78.02 acres, from District 5:

TM #101.00-1-39.2 (Town of Throop, Owner Throop Fire Dept., 10 acres)
TM# 108.00-1-24.101 (Town of Throop, Owner Mark & Lorraine Anderson, 3.35 acres)
TM# 108.00-1-24.11(Town of Throop, Owner John & Pamela Siracusa, 3.41 acres)
TM# 108.00-1-24.15 (Town of Throop, Owner Jeffrey & Amy Franceschelli, 1.89 acres)
TM# 108.00-1-24.2 (Town of Throop, Owner David & Patricia Morabito, 2 acres)
TM# 108.00-1-24.3 (Town of Throop, Owner Thomas & Mary Lou Giannettino, 1.89 acres)
TM# 108.00-1-24.4 (Town of Throop, Owner Ron & Christine Bonilla, 1.4 acres)

TM# 108.00-1-24.5 (Town of Throop, Owner Phillip & Kelly Deacy, 1.4 acres)
TM# 108.00-1-24.7 (Town of Throop, Owner Jason & Amy Walter, 1.4 acres)
TM# 108.00-1-24.9 (Town of Throop, Owner John & Marylou Thurston, 1.5 acres)
TM# 108.00-1-25.2 (Town of Throop, Owner Thomas & Sarah Farrell, 2.8 acres)
TM# 108.00-1-48 (Town of Throop, Charles & Ethel Shaw Owner, 0.88 acres)
TM# 108.00-1-50.12 (Town of Throop, Owner Donald Stark, 1.9 acres)
TM# 108.00-1-50.2 (Town of Throop, Owner Daniel & Michele Morin, 2.2 acres)
TM #128.00-1-6.13 (Town of Fleming, Owner Thomas & Patricia Costello, 42 acres)

Based on this information, Ms. D'Angelo asked for a motion to recommend that the review process move forward to the next step with the proposed modifications.

MOTION: Recommend that this review be referred to the County Legislature with the recommendation that it be approved with the proposed modifications.

Moved: Mr. Moore
2nd: Mr. Towne
Vote: Unanimous

Local Status Reports:

Village of Union Springs – Ms. Ottley – Submitting an application to CDBG for a housing rehabilitation project on the main street in the Village. They also have seven bass tournaments scheduled this summer, one sponsored by Bass Pro. The Village has done much to improve its waterfront to attract these kinds of events.

Town of Mentz – Mr. Moose – The Town is trying to begin a comprehensive planning process. The library in the Town Hall is coming along really well, and the other end of the Town hall is being remodeled to accommodate seniors groups.

Village of Cayuga – Mr. Harris – The Village of Cayuga is working with the Town of Aurelius to develop a RFP to develop a strategic plan for the Route 5 & 20 corridor and a comprehensive plan for both municipalities. They are finalizing the RFP now and hope to have it released soon.

The Village of Cayuga is also working on ideas to develop an area of land the Village owns that is north of the railroad tracks near Beacon Mills.

Town of Ledyard – Mr. Dugan – The Town has started a visioning process to develop a comprehensive plan to deal with potential future development.

Other Matters:

Duties and Responsibilities of a Cayuga County Planning Board Member – Many people have asked what are the duties of a CCPB board member. According to the state the only responsibility the board has is to review applications forwarded to the board in accordance with General Municipal Law 239. In Cayuga County we have established a subcommittee of the CCPB to handle these applications. As a result the CCPB acts primarily as a liaison between the County and the municipalities. The board gets the opportunity to learn about projects going on within the County and an opportunity to listen to guest

speakers on various topics. In turn it is an opportunity for the County to get a better understanding of the types of projects that are taking place in our local communities.

Choose Site for June Meeting – The site chosen for June by a majority of the board was The Town of Ira's new Town Hall with a stop at the Historic School House on Rt. 34 in Cato.

Upcoming Classes (ZBA, Flood Maps, Stormwater Phase II) – There are many training opportunities coming up: Intro to ZBA, How to Read and Use Flood Insurance Maps, Stormwater Phase II, are being offered at the County Office Building in April and May and there will be a Local Government Workshop in Mt. Morris NY in May.

The next meeting will be on June 2, 2004 at 6:00 pm, in Cato and Ira.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.