

**MINUTES
CAYUGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
April 9, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Keith Welch (Scipio); Vice-Chairman Patricia Bianconi (Aurora); Secretary Robert Amerman, Jr. (Summerhill); John Berry (Genoa); Bill Carman (Niles); Slade Cox (Ira); Carl Cuipylo (Village of Cayuga); Chester Dziergas (Weedsport); Jeffrey Edwards (Venice); Randall E. Frech (Village of Cato); Dan George (Conquest); George Hiza (Fleming); John Malenick (Montezuma); Harvey Mills (Victory); Jay Moose (Mentz); David Morris (Sennett); June Ouelette (Sterling); Darrin Rooker (Port Byron); Lydia Ruffini (Throop); James Scanlon (Brutus); Norm Withers (Village of Moravia).

OTHERS PRESENT

Tiffany Edwards (Auburn); Tim Ganey (Brutus); Sylvia Hurlbut (Auburn); Joe Runkle (County Legislature); Cheryl Silvestri (Auburn); Darrell Uetz (Fair Haven); Gabriel Holbrow (County Planning staff); Kari Terwilliger (County Planning staff).

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 pm in the Conference Room (rooms 1 and 2) at the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, 1879 West Genesee Street Road in Aurelius.

CAYUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT REVIEW & CONSOLIDATION

Ms. Terwilliger (staff) presented the proposed consolidated agricultural district to the Board. Board members were provided with maps of the current and proposed district boundaries in their towns, including properties where the owner has requested to be taken out of the district. Ms. Terwilliger also displayed a countywide map of the current districts and the proposed consolidated district. Ms. Terwilliger discussed the 300-day review process and the progress so far.

Ms. Silvestri, administrator of the Bluefield Manor, and Sylvia Hurlbut noted that the Bluefield Manor as well as an adjacent undeveloped property in the City of Auburn are in the proposed district. Stating that the properties are not agricultural and are not suitable for agriculture, they requested that these properties not be included in the final consolidated agricultural district. Ms. Terwilliger explained that these properties were flagged for inclusion because they had previously been partially in the district. When County Planning mailed letters to the property owners (in this case the Auburn Industrial Development Agency (AIDA) and the City of Auburn) offering the opportunity to be taken out of the district, County Planning did not receive a response during the comment period, which ended February 28. Ms. Terwiller reported that she had received letters from AIDA and the City, dated earlier this week, requesting that the

properties not be included in the consolidated district, and that she would incorporate this request in presentations to the county legislature.

Board members discussed the powers and intent of the state's agricultural district program and the state's Agriculture and Markets Law. Observing that being in an agricultural district means that non-agricultural development is subject to closer review, Mr. Hiza (Fleming) noted that local towns and villages should pay particular attention to properties coming out of the district to make sure that any proposed developments on them are properly reviewed. Mr. Malenick (Montezuma) commented on the right to farm law, stating that it can be detrimental to residential neighborhoods if applied outside actual farming areas and used to justify neighborhood nuisances.

Board members discussed the public outreach that accompanied the agricultural district review process. Although notices were sent to all property owners in the current district as well as to all mayors, supervisors, and clerks, Board members felt that there should have been more explanation and earlier outreach to local boards and members of the public.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON CONSOLIDATED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 5

Board members were provided with a draft resolution, numbered 04-13, "Recommendation for approval of Cayuga County Consolidated Agricultural District No. 5."

Motion by Slade Cox (Ira) to adopt the resolution as written. Second by Secretary Amerman (Summerhill).

Motion by Mr. Welch (Scipio) to amend the resolution by inserting "on April 9th, 2013" after the words "proposed map illustrating the Consolidated Agricultural District No. 5 as presented by Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development staff." Second by Mr. Hiza (Fleming). A roll call vote was conducted on the amendment. All Board members present voted in favor, none opposed. With the affirmative vote of 21 members out of 33 voting positions on the Board, the amendment passed.

Motion by Slade Cox (Ira) to adopt the resolution as amended. Second by Secretary Amerman (Summerhill). A roll call vote was conducted on the motion to adopt the amended resolution. All Board members present voted in favor, none opposed. With the affirmative vote of 21 members out of 33 voting positions on the Board, the resolution was adopted. (See attached Resolution No. 04-13.)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Morris (Sennett) to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carman (Niles). Adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by Gabriel Holbrow (staff).

Minutes approved by the Board on July 17, 2013.