

Approved Minutes
Cayuga County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board
Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 3:00 P.M.
Via Conference/Video Call

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Indelicato (Cayuga County Real Property Services, Director)
Steve Lynch (Cayuga County Planning & Economic Development, Director)
Jason Cuddaback, *designee* (Chairperson of the Board of Directors CCSWCD) **voted via email**
Dan Welch (CCE Agriculture Educator Representative)
Dennis Eckel (Agribusiness Representative)
Craig Culver (Farmer Representative)

Others present:

Kari Terwilliger (CCPED Staff to AFPB)

Absent:

Andrew Dennison (Cayuga County Legislator)
Jeff Ten Eyck (Agricultural Land Preservation Organization Representative)
Christopher Gross (Farmer Representative)
John O'Connell, III (Farmer Representative)
Thane Benson (Farmer Representative)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kari Terwilliger at approximately 3:05 P.M. with a quorum of members present. Kari introduced Jennifer Indelicato, the new Director of the County's Real Property Services office, to the Board and asked the members to briefly introduce themselves to her.

2. Approval of Minutes –July 22, 2021 meeting

Kari Terwilliger asked the Board if they had reviewed the minutes from the July 22, 2021 meeting and if they had any questions, comments, or corrections to make. There were none. She asked if there was a motion to approve said minutes. **Steve Lynch made a motion that the minutes from July 22, 2021 be accepted as written. Motion seconded by Dennis Eckel. Motion carried.**

3. Review of Town of Victory Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

Kari Terwilliger asked the Board if they had all had a chance to read through and review the final draft version of the Town of Victory Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, reminding the Board that NYSDAM requires a review and recommendation for approval from the AFPB to the town prior to adoption. The Board discussed their appreciation for the thoroughness of the document, especially the maps, and noted that development pressure from Onondaga County has been creeping farther towards Victory in recent years. The Board asked Kari what prompted the town to pursue preparing this Ag & Farmland Protection Plan and she mentioned that she believed it was an extension of work that the town did with assistance from County Planning Dept. a few years ago to update their zoning ordinance; as well as the updates to the Comp Plan that the town did themselves which called for the preparation and adoption of an ag and farmland protection plan. The Board noted that they had no comments or recommended corrections, additions, etc. to the plan for the town. **Steve Lynch made a motion to approve of the Town of Victory Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan and to recommend to the town that they adopt it as written. Motion seconded by Dan Welch. Motion carried.**

4. Other Business

Kari Terwilliger asked if anyone had anything else they would like to discuss. The Board discussed large-scale solar project in Conquest and how the NYS Siting Board has approved of the application and set the approval schedule for the project. Kari also updated the Board on the submissions of pre-applications for PDR and reminded them that there will be a Board meeting in January to review and rank the applications. Dennis reminded the Board that per his company policy he cannot vote on PDR pre-apps.

5. Adjournment

Kari Terwilliger asked if there was any further discussion or business to come before the Board. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to adjourn. **Steve Lynch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Jennifer Indelicato. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.**

Minutes prepared by Kari Terwilliger, staff to the AFPB