



Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

May 21, 2025 Meeting @ 7:00PM

PRESENT: Erika Malmgreen, Eugene Thalmann, Tanya Hahn, Chris Knapp, Dan Brey, Matt McPhillips, Michelle Proscia, Melinda Meddaugh

1. Call to Order at 7:15pm
2. Approval of January 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Chris Knapp and seconded by Tanya Hahn to approve the January 15, 2025 meeting minutes. All in favor, so moved.
3. Update to Ag District Eight Year Review Procedures
 - a. Update on mailing procedures for notifications
 - b. Update on procedures with respect to merged properties
4. Ag District Applications: The Board was provided with maps and presentation for each Ag District application.
 - a. Wilk Apiary
 - i. Motion made by Eugene Thalmann to recommend this property for inclusion into the Ag District, seconded by Erika Malmgreen, all in favor, so moved.
 - b. Thalman Property
 - i. Motion made by Dan Brey to recommend this property for inclusion into the Ag District, seconded by Erika Malmgreen, all in favor, so moved.
 - c. Bruestle Property
 - i. Motion made by Eugene Thalmann to recommend this property for inclusion into the Ag District, seconded by Matt McPhillips, all in favor, so moved.
5. Farmland Preservation Efforts – Update
 - a. Next steps for Community Preservation Act (CPA)
 - i. Board has met with Assemblymember Kay and Mike Sweeten from OCLT to discuss CPA
 - b. Orange County Land Trust Scope of Work- CCE and County worked on putting this together and it has been executed.



- c. Outreach & Workshops for 2025
 - i. Municipal Training #1: Zoning for Farms: Tools & Strategies to Preserve Farmland in Sullivan County– 5/28
 - ii. Farmer Training #1: Farmland Forever: Understanding Easements and Funding for Long-Term Farm Viability – 6/4
6. Municipal 239 Review
 - a. Projects reviewed from January - May 2025
 - i. 3 requests for review from Fallsburg and 1 zoning review request from fallsburg
 - ii. 2 requests from Cohecton and Callicoon and
 - iii. 1 request from Liberty and 1 zoning review for Liberty.
7. Update on Educational Outreach Efforts
 - a. 2025 Additional Trainings Suggestions
 - i. Ag District Training for Attorneys: Something we are looking into creating with the Planning Dept for attorneys and ag.
 - ii. Agri-Tourism/Direct Market Training for Code Enforcement Officers: Potential webinar this fall/winter.
8. Ag Emergency Management: C.A.R.T. program – No updates yet, will work on this in the fall/winter.
9. AFLPB Members
 - a. Update to Board positions: A letter was submitted to be on the board and received after the deadline. The Board was made aware and reconfirmed Dan Brey to serve in his capacity as a poultry farmer rep.
10. Other Business
11. Adjourn