



Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board
February 4, 2026 Meeting @ 7:00PM

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

1. Call to Order at 7:06pm
2. Approval of September 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Tanya Hahn and seconded by Chris Knapp to Approve the September 18, 2025 meeting minutes. All in favor, so moved.
3. Municipal 239 Review
 - a. Projects reviewed from October - December 2025
 - i. One review from the Town of Thompson. Melinda Meddaugh recused herself.
4. Farmland Preservation Efforts – Update
 - a. FPIG (NYS Ag and Markets grant program) and next steps
 - i. Working with farms to evaluate and submit applications by March.
 - ii. CCE and OCLT are currently working with the Diehl Homestead Farm and the Slusher Farm. The Blumenthal Farm is not ready for an application according to NYSDAM.
 - b. Next steps for Community Preservation Act (CPA)- OCLT and Matt MchPhillips presented an informational session for a group at Mamakating Environmental Center in January.
 - c. Outreach & Workshops for 2026
 - i. Planning outreach to town officials on CPA once the FPIG applications are complete.
 - ii. Additional workshops on CPA and Estate Planning are being planned
5. Ag Board Members and Terms – Melinda to reach out to Board members to see if they are still interested in serving on the committee. If not, we will send out a notice for vacancies.
6. Other Business - None
7. Next Meeting is May 20th
8. Adjourn 7:51pm