

**Dryden Agricultural Advisory Committee
September 12, 2018**

Members present: Evan Carpenter (Chair), Kim LaMotte, Brian Magee, Marie McRae, Jeremy Sherman, and Steve Foote

Liaisons: Jason Leifer (Town Board), Craig Schutt (Conservation Board), and Craig Anderson (Planning Board)

Guest: Debbie Teeter (Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County)

E. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

E. Carpenter asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the August 8, 2018 meeting. C. Anderson pointed out a correction that needed to be made. K. LaMotte made a motion to accept the minutes with the one correction, B. Magee seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Site Plan Review for Agriculture-Related Operations

C. Anderson – We have been working on recommendations for zoning law changes draft. The Planning Board wants to have a site plan review process for an ag-related enterprise (not an ag operation). A draft site plan review was sent out to this committee for their review. There are a couple of corrections/changes to be made:

- §1101B. – corrected section 1102-E to 1102-I
- §1102E. – Moved “Applications for an Agricultural-Related Enterprise must be received and reviewed by the Planning Department” to become Letter I.
- §1105B – remove “(From pages 64, 65 and 66)” from description
- §1105B (2) – changed to read: Boundaries of the property, plotted to scale, and including north arrow, scale and date; and/or the tax map
- §1105B (6) – changed to read: Location of fire and other emergency zones, including the location of fire hydrants; depending on the size of the business.

It was determined that SEQR would be required on a facility that is over a certain square footage.

C. Anderson will approach zoning department regarding two following definitions in our zoning laws.

Agriculture-Related Enterprise – A retail or wholesale enterprise providing services or products utilized in agricultural production, such as Structures, agricultural equipment and agricultural equipment parts, livestock, feed, seed, fertilizer and agricultural equipment repairs and wholesale or retail sale of grain, fruit, produce, trees, shrubs, flowers or other products of local agricultural operations.

This definition does not state these operations need to be linked to a farm, and may want to be also changed by removing the word “local” from the definition.

Discussion ensued regarding definition of local and ag-related enterprises from prior definitions versus the current definition.

Signs

C. Anderson – Ag & Markets rules you cannot limit the number of signs; in our zoning law we limit the number of signs. Ag & Markets states the size cannot be more restrictive than any other use that is in the town. Currently, the maximum signed allowed in the town is 80 sq. feet, but the agricultural sign is limited to 16 sq. feet.

D. Teeter – We wrestled with this in Ithaca, determining the number of signs based road frontage.

C. Anderson – Ag & Markets Law states you cannot limit the number of signs a farm can have, period. The only limit on size is that a farm must be allowed to have a sign that matches the greatest allowed size in the town.

This Committee agreed they would like C. Anderson to go ahead and run this by the planning board, get feedback from them, and bring it back to this Committee to discuss at a future meeting. He will also look into farm signage with regards to zoning.

Town of Dryden, New York Agricultural Advisory Committee Rules and Procedures

D. Teeter proceeded to do an overview of the document that she produced basically from the Enabling Legislation (copy attached). §1B (4), §1B (5), and §1B (6) were added based on input from this committee.

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE:

Added items C-G, which were specific items from the enabling legislation.

Other business

C. Anderson inquired if the Ag Committee was pushing to become a board. Discussion ensued regarding the differences between being a committee and being a board. And the fact that at any point the Town Board could dismantle the committee; whereas, if they were an actual board it would need a public hearing to dismantle. Discussion took place regarding requirements to be changed to a board.

S. Foote – Inquired about the status of the budget and the installation of roadside “farming” signs. J. Sherman will follow-up with R. Young regarding pricing.

Agricultural Districts review will be up for renewal in 2019. The review requirement is every 8 years, but D. Teeter does one every 4 years. C. Anderson advised if you are in an Ag District, and are enlarging the farm, that would be the only time for public hearing on the farm.

“Carbon farming” update

M. McRae will email information to me regarding the free informational forum being held on “carbon farming” September 26, 2018 at the Tompkins County Public Library. I will in turn

forward the information to all Ag committee, Planning Board, and Conservation Board members.

S. Foote made a motion to pass the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #7 for 2018 from the Dryden Agricultural Advisory Committee to the Dryden Town Board regarding changes to the Town of Dryden, New York Agricultural Advisory Committee Rules and Procedures.

Whereas the Committee revised Section 1, BACKGROUND, §1B (1), and Section 4, DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Dryden Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends that the Dryden Town Board adopt the attached, revised Town of Dryden New York Agricultural Advisory Committee Rules and Procedures.

K. LaMotte seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

M. McRae made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by S. Foote and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chrystle Terwilliger
Deputy Town Clerk

Size, Free Standing: Use Category	Number of Signs	Maximum Square Feet	Maximum Size on Facade	Remarks
a. Retail business not in shopping center	2	40	25%	Sign on an exterior surface shall not exceed 25% of such area, and may be in addition to the other Signs permitted in this category.
b. Retail business in shopping center	1	16	16 Sq. Ft.	
c. Shopping centers or plazas; manufacturing, assembly or light industrial uses	2	160	20%	For a Sign facing a Highway, a minimum setback of 30 feet from the Highway line is required.
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d. Wholesale sales, storage, printing, welding, plumbing, and similar uses; automobile and machinery sales, service, washing and maintenance; commercial indoor recreation; motels, outdoor theater	2	80	20%	
e. Offices and laboratories	1	80	20%	
f. Gasoline stations	2	32	10%	In addition, two advertising Signs not to exceed 10 sq. ft. are allowed.
g. Camps, clubs, outdoor recreation facilities, schools, churches	2	24		
h. Farm Operation – Agricultural	Unlimited	160		Offsite directional signs – no limit
i. Manufactured Home Park	1	32		Alternatively, one per Manufactured Home Park entrance with a maximum of three Signs not to exceed 12 sq. ft.