

**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MAY 8, 2019**

Members Present: Evan Carpenter (Chair), Erin Bieber, Steve Foote, Marie McRae, Kim LaMotte

Absent: Brian Magee

Liaisons: Craig Schutt, Conservation Board
Thomas Hatfield, Planning Board (at 8:01)

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

Review and approval of minutes dated April 10, 2019

Motion made to approve the minutes as written, minutes were unanimously approved.

Virtual Farmer's Market/Website

K. LaMotte has finally been able to reach someone at CCE of Tompkins and they advised their farm website is still under construction.

Decision was made to hold off trying to connect our Dryden farmers to the virtual website until it is up and running correctly.

Board Updates:

E. Carpenter stated he was hoping someone from the planning board was here to bring us up to date on the status of the language for the comprehensive plan. C. Schutt advised he just came from a planning board meeting tonight and the planning board has been tasked now with updating the entire comprehensive plan. At tonight's meeting they were working on an RFP for a consultant.

The Ag & Farmland Protection Plan, the Natural Resources Conservation Plan, the Rec Plan, the Open-space Inventory, and the Varna Plan; all of those are referenced in the revised comp plan. Discussion ensued regarding a time line, and the amount of work that would be involved in revising the entire plan. The planning board has agreed to hold an extra meeting each month to work on the comprehensive plan.

Discussion took place regarding possible rec fields behind the town hall, the 3 ½ acres of land being donated at the Mill Creek Subdivision, and the 23-acre parcel being donated for recreational purposes.

Dryden Dairy Day Parade

S. Foote inquired if we were going to do anything at Dairy Day this year.

M. McRae proposed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2 FOR 2019 regarding Dryden Agricultural Advisory Committee participation at the Dryden Dairy Day:

Whereas, Dryden Dairy Day is being held on June 8, 2019;

Whereas, the Committee has not taken any steps to participate in anyway;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Dryden Agricultural Advisory Committee will forego participating in the 2019 Dryden Dairy Day; but, it will be added as an item on the September 2019 agenda to start working on ideas for Dairy Day 2020.

M. McRae made a motion, seconded by E. Bieber and unanimously approved.

Right to Farm Signs

C. Schutt reminded R. Young about putting more “Right to Farm” signs up around the roadways of the Town.

Comprehensive Plan Guidance Document

Discussion took place regarding the development of a guidance document like the Residential Development Design Guideline that would apply to the rural landscape. Deputy Clerk will print a supply for the next Ag meeting, so everyone will have their own copy to work from.

There being no further business, E. Bieber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by E. Carpenter and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chrystle Terwilliger
Deputy Town Clerk