

***Town of Ballston Farmland Protection Plan
Committee Meeting***

Minutes

**Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 6:45 p.m.
Ballston Town Hall**

Welcome: Donuts and Hot Chocolate

Attendance: Joan Pott, chair; John Antoski, TB Liaison; Laura Conrad; Richard Voehringer; Stephen Merchant; Kathy Knight; Patti Southworth

A. Begin Implementation of FLPP Plan following the directives of the Plan.

- 1. Transfer of Development Rights Program**
 - a. Review of October Webinar hosted by David Behm, Ag & Mkts. The details of the October 2014 Webinar were shared with the Committee. The Webinar was attended by both grant recipient towns' representatives; i.e. Supervisors, Chairs of FLPP Committees, planners, and Ag&Mkts director.**
 - b. Progress Report and Review of TDR Work Plan and Scope – Nan Stolzenburg, Community Planning and Environmental Associates**
 - i. Each attendee received a copy of the Report for review prior to January 2015 Committee meeting. Report details work required by Planner/Committee.**
 - ii. Some steps were accomplished during 2006 Comp Plan and FLPP Plan process.**
- 2. Agriculture in School Program:**
 - a. An update was given by Councilman John Antoski. It's an exciting piece in our FLPP Plan as education plays such an important part in preservation!**
 - b. Councilman Antoski has approval for the class to begin in September 2015 (fall semester). He has already begun the preparation of Scope and Sequence and begun contacting other educators as guest instructors beginning with SUNY Cobleskill. His vision for the course is exciting! It has the potential to encourage students to consider an ag career as they learn the importance of ag in our state/nation/global economies.**
- 3. Reactions to the first traffic control device purchased by the Town of Ballston at the request of FLPP Committee were discussed.**
 - a. Kathy Knight shared the device had a very positive impact slowing traffic on Goode St. Others commented seeing BRAKE**

- LIGHTS flash when drivers saw their speed exceeded the posted limit by sometimes as much as 15-20 mph!**
- b. It was agreed additional signs are needed!**
 - c. It was agreed outreach would be made to Village of Ballston and Town of Malta to “borrow” their signs to test the effectiveness of different “types”.**
- 4. Deer Damage, Mitigation, and Control was discussed, as well as mitigation of other impacts of development.**
- a. Committee’s letter to Town Board. dated June 16, 2014, was reread, Mr. Antoski acknowledged the Board’s receipt, and Chair recognized the request therein for “Mitigation Fees” cannot be granted due to an ambiguity in NY State Law.**
 - b. David Behm, Ag&Mkts., suggested we contact Assemblyman Jim Tedisco to have the legislature reword the law. John Antoski agreed to follow through with a phone call to the Assemblyman, and the Committee will write a letter, as well.**
- 5. The January meeting agenda will include a presentation by Isabel Prescott, Riverview Orchards, on Farmland Preservation in Town of Clifton Park if Nan Stolzenburg of Community Planners does not required that meeting for the kickoff of TDR planning.**

7:45 Adjournment

**Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Pott, Chair**