

***Town of Ballston Farmland Preservation and Protection
Committee Meeting***

Agenda

Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 6:45 p.m.

Ballston Town Hall

Attendance:

Speaker: Welcome Supervisor Szczepaniak for a presentation on his meeting with Councilman Curtiss and Congressman Tonko.

A. Old Business:

- 1. Moratorium ?**
- 2. Water Consolidation – Attorney Bill Ryan submitted his opinion that the restrictions on water extensions into the Ag District must be retained in the New consolidation. Public Hearing? Vote?**
- 3. Zoning Workshop – date to resume?
500' buffer Ag District**
- 4. Hawkwood – offer to work with Park & Rec to assist in maintenance and cultivation of this magnificent 4th stage growth forest and to encourage Ag-sensitive Management policies; i.e., hunting to prevent continuing overpopulation of deer; equine use to foster public appreciation of and interaction with livestock and to encourage riders to patronize our developing Agri-Business retail/wholesale hub**

B. New Business:

- 1. Nan Stolzenburg of Community Planning and Environmental Associates – Submitted the Final Draft of the Transfer of Development Rights Program to Ag & Markets. We are awaiting their review and comments.**
- 2. Two properties were added to Ag District 2, Town of Ballston:
 - a. The former Kramlick property now owned by Wm. F. Buckley Farm/Mark Sacco**
 - b. The tree farm owned by Herb Jackson on White Beach Road****
- 3. Bob Pustolka update on Continuing Education and Legislation Concerns**

A. Preserving farmland and preserving history go hand-in-hand. We need funding to preserve historic farmsteads and their historic homes, and to create historic districts in our town and hamlets.

B. Improve "FARM MATCH" and similar programs that put young farmer-buyers together with retiring farmer-sellers to keep agricultural land in farming.

C. Incentivize the reclamation of vacant, underutilized land to agricultural production.

D. Encourage NYS to change legislation that prohibits farmers from accessing fees now restricted to Park & Rec use contributed by developers for use in mitigating the impacts of residential development on farming; i.e. Wildlife damage, drainage issues, and effects of increased population.

Adjournment

