

Date: April 18, 2023

In attendance: Emilia Medick

Kelly Jasinski

Chuck Curtiss

Sara Curtiss

Discussions were had on the Burnt Hills Forward application and the possible sewer expansion. The area of the sewer expansion was better defined. The committee still has questions on how much capacity the sewer line has and how EDUs were being assigned for each parcel along the Route 50 business corridor. EDUs were assigned to each parcel, without knowing the business type. How would the EDUs be regulated once the expansion would happen? Would it be a first come, first serve? Would this be a fair way for assignment of EDUs?

It was discussed of possible funding sources of the Farmland Protection Committee for the Town Farm Map. One possible way would be to ask the town board to allocate funds to the Saratoga County Tourism Board, where they can use it to help with outreach for the farms of the town of Ballston.

It was also discussed that Sara Curtiss has or can get a map that was put together for the County Farms and be specific for the town of Ballston. Emilia Medick said that she could pull together a brochure with the map and list all the farms that are on it, if Sara can email it. This map could be hyperlinked at the bottom of the town's FPPC website. Currently, there is a hyperlink to [A Guide to Agriculture & Arts in the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Locale](#), which has nothing to do with the farms of Ballston and the committee will ask this to be removed.

It was also discussed printing of the brochures and mailing them to town residents within the tax bills or water bills. Kelly Jasinski was able to provide mailing costs of postcards at \$2200 and standard at \$4000. These costs will need to be requested for the FPPC budget.

A presentation about PDRs was brought up to hold for the land owners that would be targeted according to the point map. This way those that are interested can learn and ask questions in anticipation. This will have to be discussed as to who would give the presentation and when. Also need to ask for monies for the mailing to inform those landowners of the information

session.

The committee would also like to know if the Town Board believes the Committees' mission of "identifies action for the Town and others to act upon in order to protect farmland, support the viability of farms, and boost economic development in the next decade"? This mission was identified in 2010. It is also important to develop ideas and plans other than relying on the use of PDRs for preservation of farmlands within the town of Ballston. Any and all ideas are welcome.