

LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

October 7, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Peck; Supervisors Barrett, Sausville; Yepsen; Tom Lewis, Saratoga Springs; Jaime O'Neill, Planning; Steve Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order.

Chairman Peck reviewed the list of applicant requests for the County's Open Space/Farmland Grant (\$750,000):

City of Saratoga Springs - \$30,000. 5 acres along the Kayaderosseras Creek that will provide public access to the creek.

Carrese Forest, Town of Clifton Park - \$100,000. 78 acres of forest and agricultural lands adjacent to the Veterans Memorial Park.

Betar Recreational Park Expansion, Town of Moreau - \$75,000. 59 acres adjacent to the town of Moreau Park and Village of Fort Edward water supply. Chairman Peck said there were questions on this one because the property is in a trust and developers were approaching them.

Fritz and Ruth Drumm, Town of Saratoga - \$146,700. 32 acres of a 40 acre parcel that is rented to a local farmer.

Edwin Hanna, Town of Saratoga - \$519,210. 110 acres of farmland along Wilbur Road.

John and Barb Hoogeveen, Town of Saratoga - \$350,000. 409 acres of farmland along C.R. 71.

Joe Lewandowski, Town of Saratoga - \$369,900. 66 acres of farmland along DeGarmo Road.

Lyle Purinton, Town of Northumberland - \$328,500. 70 acres of farmland along Purinton Road.

John and Gertrude Schultz, Town of Saratoga – 247,500. 51 acres of farmland along C.R. 67.

The County's Open Space/Farmland grant was awarded to the following applicants:

- **Mr. Lewis moved to approve \$350,000 for John and Barb Hoogeveen, Town of Saratoga. Mr. Barrett seconded. Unanimous.**
- **Mr. Barrett moved to approve \$300,000 for Lyle Purinton, Town of Northumberland. Mr. Lewis seconded. Unanimous.**
- **Mr. Sausville moved to approve \$30,000 for the Saratoga Springs Kayaderoseras Blueway Trailhead and Preserve. Mr. Lewis seconded. Unanimous.**
- **Mr. Barrett moved to approve \$70,000 for the Carrese Forest in the Town of Clifton Park. Mr. Sausville seconded. Unanimous.**

Chairman Peck said we are using the whole \$750,000. The Town of Clifton Park requested \$100,000, and they are willing to accept \$70,000, he stated. He said this Committee has been a very valuable tool for protecting open space in the County. Saratoga County and agriculture have been synonymous for centuries, he added.

Mr. Barrett said in looking at this list, the Committee has done a good job identifying areas as to where these funds are going. We are paying attention to some of the larger municipalities where there is development pressure, he said. He said Chairman Peck and the Committee have done a good job seeing this money is shared amongst the County.

Chairman Peck said he encourages folks to continue to apply. He mentioned any large farm projects in the County would far exceed our funding opportunities. I have yet to hear the State's next funding cycle, he said. He stated these projects approved today will go to the Law & Finance Committee and to the full Board for a vote this month.

On a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Sausville, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine M. Sodemann

