

**Minutes of the Monroe County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board
January 27, 2009, Public Safety Training Center, 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY**

Present: B. King, M. Greene, T. Murphy, J. Moore, S. Chase, T. Goodwin, J. Adair,

Excused: R. Brand

Guest: Scott Copey, Town of Parma

The meeting started at 7:40 PM, Jeff Adair presiding as chair

Public forum: none

Matters for preliminary and final approval: The minutes from the February 2008 meeting were approved, moved by Moore, seconded by Murphy, motion carried.

Scott Copey presented the proposed Parma FPP. Discussion regarding the plan was mainly encouragement from members regarding funding for implementation. Greene moved to approve the proposed plan, seconded by Chase, motion carried.

Informational matters: King indicated the Grow Monroe program had 21 participants and that a tentative meeting was being scheduled to involve several farm marketers to look at tweaking the marketing message. King shared marketing materials and handouts with members. King arranged for a Grow Monroe booth for the NOFA-NY annual meeting at the Rochester Convention Center. Also material will be available at the Equine clinic in Scottsville of Feb 7. Parma, Pittsford and Wheatland have indicated strong interest in pursuing the Grow Monroe program to encourage all agricultural points of sale and wholesale to join. Towns are expected to encourage residents to buy from these agricultural entities as well.

King indicated results from the agricultural consultant for the Ext 531 proposal should have preliminary findings available by Jan 31. The consultant will approach the farm advisory board, which includes King, Colby and Kim Zuber about their findings.

King indicated the Eastern Ag district was approved by NYSDAM and that 30 day annual additions during 2008 were also approved by NYSDAM. The application for renewing the Northwest Ag district has been submitted to county legislature for approval. The application to authorize the 30 day annual addition process for 2009 is complete which will be from April until May 7 with specific dates to be determined at the time of approval. A public informational meeting will be held April 7 at Ogden Town Hall at 7 pm.

New Business: S. Chase asked King for assistance in exploring Rule 483B which provides a 10 year exemption for renovating an historic barn building. The rule has to be adopted by the county.

Correspondence: R. Somers, prelim and final NOI Town of Hamlin, water main from Chatfield engineers 6/24/08.

AFPB, Prelim and final NOI, Town of Hamlin, water main from W. Kimball, NYSDAM 7/2/08

Denny Roach, Town Supervisor Hamlin, Town of Hamlin, water main, from W. Kimball, NYSDAM 7/2/08

Landowner, notice of NOI in Town of Hamlin, from R. Somers NYSDAM 7/2/08.

David Barry, Clerk MC Legislature, approval Eastern Ag District from Pat Hooker Commissioner NYSDAM, 10/12/08.

Ann L. Ziki, MCWA, NOI determinations from Pat Hooker Commissioner NYSDAM, 10/22/08.

Jeff Adair, AFPB, Town of Parma FPP from Scot Copey, Town of Parma, 12/21/08

Ron Mead, NYSDAM, submission for final approval of 30 day additions, from Rochelle Bell, County Planning 12/8/08.

Lisa Nicolay Clerk MC legislature (2 letters), approvals for 30 day adds from Pat Hooker Commissioner NYSDAM, 12/31/08.

Meeting ended at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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