

/*Town of Farmington Agriculture Advisory Committee

January 12, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Pete Maslyn, Royal Purdy, Jim Ochterski, John Marvin, Doug Payne, Don Jones
(quorum)

Guest: David Degear, Planning Board; Hal Adams, farmer; Ed McLaughlin, Farmington Highway Superintendent

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM

1) Correspondence: P. Maslyn reviewed official documents from the Town.

2) Discussion of Town Drainage Issues affecting Ag Land

The Agriculture Advisory Committee had a detailed discussion, listening to the programs and provisions for town drainage planning, overseen by the Highway Superintendent.

Predominantly, the issues facing agriculture have to do with hard surface runoff increasing in the western parts of the Town, then flowing easy across farm lands, reducing drainage effectiveness. Several programs are in place, but planning districts are the main way such issues are resolved. The Agriculture Advisory Committee is willing to work with the highway Department to move such planning efforts forward.

3) Committee Annual Organizing

The Committee supports the re-appointment of D. Payne, D. Jones, and P. Maslyn to renewed terms on the Committee.

Motion: The Agriculture Advisory Committee nominates Pete Maslyn as Chair. Motion by J. Ochterski, second by D. Jones. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Motion: Nomination of J. Ochterski as Vice-Chair made by P. Maslyn, second by D. Jones. Vote: unanimous in favor.

The Committee supports the appointment of Hal Adams to the Agriculture Advisory Committee and would support the Town Board in approving the appointment.

4) Other business

J. Ochterski explained that the county Agriculture Enhancement Board intends to conduct Agriculture Roundtable discussions across Ontario County in 2012 as a fact-finding effort to develop an update to the county Agriculture Enhancement Plan.

Next meeting: Scheduled for February 9, 2012; 7:30 PM Town of Farmington Hall, pending Committee business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Submitted by J. Ochterski, Agriculture Advisory Committee member