

## **Town of Farmington Agriculture Advisory Committee**

October 15, 2009

Meeting Notes

Attending: Pete Maslyn- Chair, Royal Purdy, Don Jones, Jim Ochterski, Dick McClurg

Guests: Jim Gray (pending committee member)

### **2) Development of a farmland planning grant**

P. Maslyn and J. Ochterski reviewed the draft application that had been provided to the Planning Board earlier in October 2009. Adjusted budget figures to reflect the intent to request nearly maximum amount. Described how it was expected to be handled in Town government – from Planning board to Town Board, then submitted by the Town Supervisor, if it was approved. Ag Advisory Committee agrees that it seems like a solid application.

### **3) Continued discussion of FL Race Track and its impact on local farm facilities and businesses**

Generally discussed CAFO permit regulations that would apply to the Track. It will be important to monitor the CAFO process. But the issue seems to be working out, and may not need any formal action by the Ag Advisory Committee.

### **4) Ag laws in other Towns**

The Town of Phelps appears to be trying to regulate farm activities, such as manure storage and application for fertilizer, using site plan review. General discussion of situations in Phelps that have brought about this concern and their efforts to form an Ag Advisory Committee. Farmington cited as having a proper committee that other Towns should model.

### **5) Membership and participation on Committee**

Discussion of Committee members who have had less ability to contribute directly in meetings, and proposed names of Town agriculture people who could serve on the Committee and should be asked.

Next meeting: Scheduled for December 17, 2009; 7:30 PM Town of Farmington Hall