

AGOS Committee Meeting  
August 23, 2010

Present: Mary Ann Johnson, Co-Chair  
Larry Thetford, Co-Chair  
Bill O'Neil  
Norman Greig  
Ken Migliorelli  
Lindsey Lusher-Shute  
Pete Hubbell  
Jim Staiges  
Richie Biezynski  
KayCee Wimbish, Recording Secretary

A. Old Business

1. Review July 26, 2010 Minutes and Approve

Motion to approve using the summary of Ag recommendations as minutes for the July 28th meeting.

Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

2. ABD Zoning Review

The committee discusses what they would like to see included in the farmstead complex. Members of the committee would like to see all things permitted in other zones, permitted in the ABD as well.

The committee discussed whether or not they should make a recommendation about the percentage of the farm that can be designated as the farmstead. The discussion focused on it being 10% of total property or up to a maximum of 10 acres. Discussion ensued regarding how to count the acres.

The following motion was made: A farmstead complex can be designated up to 10% of the individual parcel within which any use that is allowed in another zone, can be allowed in the ABD.

Motion to approve. Motion seconded and approved. Lindsey votes aye with reservations.

That concludes the use table.

Chairman asked what else the committee would like to talk about?

Non-profits should be allowed in the ABD.

Richie motioned to include in the proposal the possibility of a free market between a willing landowner and a willing buyer to buy and sell development units. Pete seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Norm motions that the town, to the extent that the money is available, buy land in Red Hook to the agricultural value, not to the estate value.

### 3. Fence Issue/Town Board

Bill O'Neil explained that the Ag and Markets does require a permit for a fence if your definition of your fence is a structure.

Bill consulted with the town building inspector, Steve Cole. He says it is a non-issue because he is not going to enforce fences for agricultural purposes.

The committee does not feel comfortable leaving this situation as is. In the town of Red Hook, a fence is defined as a structure. The town board needs to pass a resolution that agricultural fences are exempt. The committee's recommendation: No building permit for a fence.

Mary Ann motioned to rewrite the letter to say that building permits and fees should not be required for agricultural fences. Motion seconded and passed.

### B. New Business

#### 1. AGOS 2011 Budget

The 2010 was \$1205, and we have spent \$507 to date. Money was spent on secretary and probably postage.

Motion to submit \$1200 budget for 2011. Seconded and passed.

### C. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Next meeting September 27th at 7 pm. At the next meeting, the committee needs to set the dates for the rest of the year.