

Conservation Easement Review Committee

Draft Minutes 6/14/12

Members present: Trilby Sieverding, Sarah Imboden, John Dougla, Brenda Cagle and Mary Ann Johnson.

MA handed out a draft map showing parcels greater than 10 acres with ag exemption.

MA asked for approval of the minutes. All were in favor.

Trilby noted there was some teeth in the Orchard Park example. It should be easy to sign up but hard to get out. If you sell the land, the easement stays with the property and would be responsible for the terms.

Sarah called and spoke with Town of Perinton – 105 easements on 120 parcels, 2900 acres in total, must be sub dividable must be buildable, commitment from 5 to 99 years, min 15 and ag – 90% abatement, under 15 years – 60% abatement, residential – must commitment for 25 years – 90% and for under 25 – 25%, generally residential choose 5-10 years and ag parcels choose the 15. About 50-50% split between residential and ag parcels.

Clifton Park – for historic easement – no min – everything else is 15 (but you split between two parcels), 72 parcels enrolled, 1,762 acres plus 100+ acres of historic only easements. Terms can be 15, 20 25, the largest parcel is 285 – Ag – 18 parcels, Open space is 39 and historic is 15.

John said the golf course is a protected property. He also talked with a couple of people who were denied because their assessed value was the lowest possible already and were denied by the assessor.

MA said she needs to verify easement properties.

MA explained the data table she prepared to go along with the map.

MA asked committee to select 50 parcels to do an evaluation. Committee spent time selecting parcels.

Next meeting August 15 , 2012 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Johnson

Chairperson