

# Schoharie County Planning & Development Agency



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Seward and Carlisle Agricultural Committee Meeting  
November 23, 2009 -- Schoharie County Planning office

## **Attendance:**

Committee: Larry Phillips, Mac Holmes, Michelle Linnane, Rick Bates, Linda Cross

Consultant: Laura Ten Eyck

County: Michele Strobeck, Zach Thompson

Meeting started at 7:09.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the October meeting. An error was spotted in the section regarding Carlisle's regulations: it says maps are needed with a scale of 1"=500' but should read 1"=50'. Movement to accept the minutes with correction made by Mac and seconded by Michelle; minutes approved unanimously.

Laura passed out post card reminders to the committee for a fall webinar series hosted by AFT that includes a 12/17 workshop titled "Implementing Your Town's Farmland Protection Plan." Past webinars are available online at the same site as the sign-up for December's presentation: [www.farmland.org/newyork](http://www.farmland.org/newyork). For more information contact Judy Wright at [jlw4220@yahoo.com](mailto:jlw4220@yahoo.com).

An article about the state of farmland and its need for protection that appeared in the 11/7 addition of the *Buffalo News* was distributed to the committee by Laura (<http://www.buffalonews.com/opinion/anothervoice/story/853279.html>).

Zach provided the committee with an update on the Seward Land Use Plan Survey: totals were tallied for all but 3 of the 44 questions on the survey with the others to be finished in the days after the meeting. Committee members were given copies of the results to look over and take with them so that results from multiple questions could be compared with each other if requested. After all totals are finished a report will be created by Zach and likely presented to the Seward Town Board (in addition to the results being used in the Farmland Protection Plan).

Discussions began regarding the AFT draft Toolbox, as presented by Laura. Draft goals established by the committee were presented along with recommendations from both the committee and AFT. This led to a discussion regarding Conservation Subdivisions and Cooperative Farm Subdivisions. These topics and the Toolbox will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

**For the next meeting (Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>):**

**AFT Document of Goals and Recommendations - “AFT Toolbox”**

**Land Use Survey Update – Seward**

**Analysis of Land Use Regulations (Seward), cont’d**

Minutes submitted by Zachary Thompson