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**August 26, 2009 Minutes**

Committee Members Present:

Mark Stolzenburg, Karl Westphal, Edward Thornton, Reta Youngs, and Vicki McCaffery

Also Present:

Laura Ten Eyck, Field Consultant AFT, John Sancharico, Town Board Liaison, Lillian Bruno, Schoharie County Planner, Jean Burton, Secretary, Michele Strobeck, Ag. Marketing Specialist

Approve July Minutes - Vicky moved to approve, 2ed by Retta, all approved.

Review Revised Agricultural Land Map, Lillian brought several maps. For clarity Brian made one map showing ag district, active ag use, ag exemptions. A separate map shows soils, wetlands and slopes. It was suggested to overlay parcels on this map. The committee also thought it would be helpful to add the names of roads on the maps. These maps will be included in the plan. Lillian indicated that data on the location of the Tennessee Gas line is not available. It was suggested to change the codes to better highlight the land in active agricultural use.

Prioritization of Agricultural Lands – The maps show areas with good soil, in active use but that is not in an ag district. This would be a priority. The committee could recommend that those landowners be approached and informed about inclusion in the ag district for state protections.

Economic Impact Study Update – Michelle introduced updated draft of report compiled by David Cox. With maps complete some specific Town of Wright data can be included in this report. Since the data collected was based on full parcels when possibly only partial lots are in active ag use, this distinction should be noted in the report in an effort to best reflect the data as accurate as possible. Michele shared specific numbers about Town of Wright acreage. Land of local importance needs to be an estimate since whole and partial parcels were used. Laura suggested using the specific data available and then to describe (not using same categories) the land of local importance. Brian will continue to revise this report and will submit a final draft for the next meeting.

Revisions to Draft Plan – Laura presented a draft outline for the plan. The committee reviewed and made comments on the draft plan. It was suggested that all recommendations be included in the plan.

Recommendations of lesser importance could be included in the appendix. The section on recommendations will be reviewed carefully at next meeting, pages 20-26. The Review of Town Land use regulations prepared by AFT, stands on it's own on AFT stationary. Laura will incorporate changes in first part of draft. Lillian and Michelle will work on maps and push to get Economic Impact section is done. Laura will also revise the time line.

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Discuss Timeline, Extension - Currently the committee is one month behind the original schedule Laura made out. One meeting to consider revisions to the draft plan was missed. Therefore two months of the extension time needs to be used. Retta cannot make next two Wednesdays. In order to insure a quorum a different meeting day was suggested for October - 10/29. John will check on space -town hall or Gallupville house. John will post/announce meeting. September 23rd meeting stands as scheduled. Mark will contact Jerry to help insure quorum.

Next meeting 9/23/09