Town of Canandaigua

5440 Routes 5 & 20 West

Canandaigua, New York 14424

**Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, October 5, 2017, 6:00 P.M.**

**Meeting Called by:** Mark Stryker, Chair

**Committee Members:** Mark Stryker, Chair

Bob DiCarlo, Vice Chair

Ray Henry, Recording Secretary

Gary Davis

Tim Riley

Fernando Soberon

**Town Representatives:** Doug Finch, Town Manager

Sarah Reynolds, Development Office

* **Call To Order**
* **Privilege of the Floor**
* **Report of the Development Office** 
  1. The deadline for PDR applications was September 29th and we received 11 applications. They are wide ranging in terms of geographic location in the town, size, and type of farming operation.
     1. Rating/ranking of the applications will be done jointly with the ECB on November 2nd at 5:30 pm in the lower level conference room (Jury Room). The Town will provide subs or pizza for the groups.
     2. Doug and Sarah provided an overview and explanation of rating/ranking process that will be used to rank the applications. There will be a ranking sheet that each person will use to score the applications on their own, plus a numerical score from the Ag Plan and together those two things will make up the overall score for each application.
  2. Sarah discussed an upcoming presentation by Diann Andrews who specializes in Succession Planning for farmers. Ms. Andrews would like to invite farmers in surrounding communities as well as those in the Town of Canandaigua. A tentative date for this is December 6th in the evening however this may be pushed into the New Year. Information will be sent out via MailChimp, Facebook, etc after a date is confirmed. Ms. Andrews will also be sending post cards to all farmland owners.
* **Referrals**

None at this time.

* **Old Business**
  1. Ag Plan Implementation
     1. Goal E – Increase public awareness
     2. Possible joint agriculture/farming education project with FLCC
        + Planning for a representative from FLCC to be at an upcoming meeting. Sarah has contacted two representatives suggested by Dr. Nye from FLCC and they both have agreed to come.
          - December 7th has been set as a tentative date for this. Conversations may continue to January meeting.
        + Could also include BOCES – Bob DiCarlo has contacted them and they are also willing to participate.
* **New Business**
* **Members’ Reports**
* **Adjournment and Next Meeting**
  1. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. Next meeting is November 2nd at 5:30 to rank PDRs.
  2. Upcoming meeting topics: Ag Education/Awareness w/ FLCC and BOCES, Ontario County Fair, Complete Streets and farming, Farm Friendly community (signs at gateways)