

Town of Canandaigua

5540 Routes 5 & 20 West
Canandaigua, N. Y. 14424
Established 1789

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 6, 2017

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:	Sarah Reynolds
Guests:	Special Events Committee Oksana Fuller Lois Golbeck Dennis Brewer Ray Henry

Called to Order at 6:00pm by Chairman Mark Stryker

Privilege of the Floor - No one spoke

Report of the Development Office: Reported by Sarah Reynolds

1. PDR Application window is now open.
 - a. Letters to Agricultural Land owners ≥ 50 acres mailed June 1st
 - b. A press release was sent out June 23rd.

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Referrals - None reported

Old Business - None

New Business - This was a joint meeting with the Special Events Committee. The Ontario County Fair runs July 25 - 29 with Canandaigua day at the Fair being Thursday, July 27th. The Special Events Committee has offered to help the Ag Committee with an event if so wished. After a lengthy discussion, the following ideas were decided on as possibilities/probabilities:

1. An emphasis should be on the new Highway Facility as it is an Important Transportation especially with all the help they give to the Farmer.
2. A series of local products should be displayed.
3. It would be nice to procure the large artificial cow for a display from the Hemminger Farm?
4. We should have a display of the Town of Canandaigua Agricultural Enhancement Plan as developed by LaBella.
5. A play area for younger attendants. Sand or Bags of Corn?

Members' Report s -

1. Mark suggested a special project starting next year: a special recognition of multiple generation farm families - recognizing all the various products that they develop over all 4 seasons.
2. There was also a lengthy discussion on the lack of agricultural education that our youth receive in our schools, and as such this committee should bring ideas for a presentation to school board(s) to the next committee meeting.

There being no other business, this meeting was **adjourned** at approx. 7:50 pm.

Ray Henry, Recording Secretary