

Chenango County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board

December 17th, 2021– MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Terry Ives, Stan Davis, Sup. Marge Davis, Sup. John Lawrence, Brad Vickers, Ken Smith, Shane Butler and Matt Gladstone

Guests Sandy Peirce

Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM

Minutes

Mr. Lawrence motion to approve minutes

Mr. Butler 2nd the motion

Discussion of previous ag tour sites and where we want to go for 2022 Ag and Farm tour.

Mr. Smith stated do we have a particular area that we are looking at or wanting to go.

Mr. Ives stated that its better if we cluster them, so we don't have to travel to far between sites.

Group discussion led to a list consisting of page seed, one of the Amish farms, cascuns, Fantasy fruit farm, Hoffman's, Marshmans, Kellogg's, Sipples tree farm and Kutiks

Mr. Lawrence stated he would be interested in visiting a hemp farm.

Mr. Smith stated that the hemp industry crashed and is not sure if anyone is growing it around here.

Mr. Lawrence asked with the legalization of marijuana wouldn't that help the hemp industry?

Mr. Smith stated that the market got flooded and NY isn't the best place in the county to grow it.

Mr. Butler stated that **Mr. Gladstone** will send out an email to all these farms on our list and see if they would be interested in having the ag tour come to their facility and he will also look into a possible date. The date may be the same day as ag and farm board meeting to make things easier.

Mr. Lawrence asked what happens if NBT doesn't support the bus for the ag tour this year what will we do.

Mr. Butler answered by stating that we have enough money in the budget to pay for the bus if necessary.

Fence law

Mr. Vickers stated that the Chenango County farm bureau passes the updated policy which went to the state where it also was passed by the NYS farm Bureau. Mr. Vickers then said that once we get the proper wording for the law it can be sent along to ag and market. All Chenango County farm laws and policies that went on to the state was passed.

Mr. Smith talked more about the fix it ticket approach and on how we can reword the policy.

Animal care

Mr. Ives asked if we are still looking at a February meeting date for a animal rights training course.

Mr. Vickers stated he will give a report in January at the next meeting.

Privilege of the floor.

Mr. Vickers Read the policy that was sent to Chenango Farm Bureau

Mr. Lawrence talked about Chenango opting out of the extended deer hunting season but state never made it into a law so there was nothing to opt out of so nothing can happen. Also soil and water division has hired 2 new people both from NYS and will start on January 3rd.

Mrs. Davis asked the board if we would consider moving the start time of the ag farm protection board meetings to 10:30 instead of 10:00.

Mr. Lawrence motion to approve time change to 10:30am

Mr. Vickers 2Nd

All members ayes.

Mr. Ives ADA board meeting pointed out that the consumption of dairy products per capita is at its highest it's ever been. Also talked about ecommerce and food shopping online and how it works.

Mr. Ives moved to adjourn

Mr. Vickers motion to adjourn

Mr. Lawrence 2nd

With no further discussion meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on 12/17/2021