

**DECEMBER 21, 2011  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Present:** Supervisor Post  
Deputy Supervisor Underhill  
Councilman Lang  
Councilwoman Michalak  
Councilman Gerace

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Morasco  
Steve Mountain, Town Engineer  
Barbara Johnson, Stuart I. Brown Associates  
Kathy Jasinski, Planning Board Chair  
Gordon Offhaus, Planning Board Member  
Donald Partridge, Planning Board Member  
Jon Long, Planning Board Member  
Jeremy Liles, Planning Board Member  
Mr. Peters

Supervisor Post called the Public Hearing to order at 6:37 P.M. and the Supervisor presented the notice as published in the Daily News.

Barbara Johnson of Stuart I Brown Associates who has been working with the Ag & Farmland Protection Committee on the plan gave an overview of the plans objectives. The plan is to document resources, analyze issues and recommend actions, as well as retain farmland and support agriculture as a business.

Mr. Jeff Peters addressed the Town Board. In the initial plan there was an appendix that delineated the zones. He stated that he understands that in the revised plan the map that delineates the zones, has been eliminated. Since he owns over 150 acres and has a parochial interest, he would like the Town to consider re-zoning 42 acres to Industrial Park. Mr. Peters questioned how this would work and why the map was eliminated. Barbara Johnson stated that the plan is more general so that it really identifies which farmland would be suitable for protection. This plan does not try to balance all the needs of the Town. It wasn't possible to do it right by including all.

The Supervisor informed that the purpose of this plan is to try to build a pilot model. The Committee spent three years coming up with the most useful plan. There will be opportunities to address concerns in the Comprehensive Master Plan to consider future zoning, planning needs. At that time, it can be considered for amendment. Also, there is a process to present to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

As no one else spoke for or against the Ag & Farmland Protection plan the Supervisor declared the public hearing closed at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa M. Morasco  
Town Clerk