

TOWN OF OAKFIELD
PUBLIC HEARING AG & FARMLAND PROTECTION
MAY 8, 2018

ROLL

CALL: Supervisor Glor
Deputy Supervisor Martin
Councilman Carroll
Councilman Kabel (joined the meeting at 6:25 pm)
Councilman Wolcott

OTHERS

PRESENT: Town Clerk Haacke
Superintendent of Highways Dennis
Assessor Flansburg
James Veazey, Resident/Land Owner
Jeanette Veazey-Post, Land Owner

MOTION Deputy Supervisor Martin, second Councilman Wolcott to open the Public Hearing at 6:15 pm.

Supervisor Glor welcomed those who came to the Public Hearing and asked if they had questions or concerns on the plan.

Mrs. Post stated that should the Town form an Ag Committee, she and her father would like to be on the committee.

Mr. Veazey stated that the document is extremely general and his concern is that houses will “pop up” in Ag zoned areas. Mr. Veazey asked if it is possible to have “Ag Zoning”. Assessor Flansburg stated that, yes Ag Zoning is an option.

Councilman Wolcott stated that Ag Zoning would just pertain to housing.

There was then a brief discussion on solar farms, not just housing taking land out of Ag production.

Mr. Veazey stated that this document needs something in it with some “bite” to it, most of the document is boiler plate items; not a viable product.

Supervisor Glor agreed and stated that Wendel did not listen to what the Town had to say. They created their own documents to which they stated we don’t even have to follow.

Deputy Supervisor Martin agrees with a committee, but why would we want to restrict others as to what to do with their land.

Mr. Veazey simply stated that there needs to be parameters so we don’t end up like Clarence.

Superintendent of Highways Dennis stated that the Town needs to protect the infrastructure from farmers as well; machinery is too big these days.

Mr. Veazey agreed and stated that a committee would look at those items as well. Any committee to be formed should be of a diverse panel.

MOTION Councilman Kabel, second Deputy Supervisor Martin to close the public hearing at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. Haacke,
Town Clerk