

## AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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<b>10:30 AM Soil &amp; Water w/A. Fagan</b>			
1. <b><i>Review</i></b> • <a href="#"><u><i>Annual Report of the Treasurer for year end 12/31/2020</i></u></a> • <a href="#"><u><i>Wyoming County Soil &amp; Water Conservation District 2020 Annual Report</i></u></a>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>10:45 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell</b>			
1. <a href="#"><u><i>February 2021 Monthly Update</i></u></a>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <b><i>FYI ~</i></b> • Animal Friends of Wyoming County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#"><u><i>Puppy Playground Fundraiser</i></u></a></li> <li>○ <a href="#"><u><i>AFWC – Puppy Playground project</i></u></a></li> <li>○ <a href="#"><u><i>AFWC - Puppy Playground Plaque Information Form</i></u></a></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Committee Chair’s Agenda</b>			
1. <b><i>2021 Winter Virtual NYSAC Conf. Resolutions:</i></b> • <a href="#"><u><i>Resolution</i></u></a> to Support Funding for Farmland Preservation and Agriculture Local Assistance Programs.		Motion: Brick Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>*RESOLUTION</b>

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2. <b><i>FYI ~</i></b> • Oatka Valley Snowmobile Association, Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#"><u><b><i>Landowner Appreciation Drive-Thru Chicken Barbeque</i></b></u></a></li> <li>○ May 2, 2021 at 12 noon</li> <li>○ Warsaw Legion Building</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. <b><i>Coming Events:</i></b> • Wyoming County Farm Bureau updates w/R. Klein, et. al. will take place during the April 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole mtg.	<i>5 – 10 min. update</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:  <span style="color: red;"><b><i>04/13/21 C.O.W.</i></b></span>
4. <b><i>Review ~</i></b> • New York State DEC letter dated 02/26/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wetland WY-15 Delineation Verification Oatka Creek ILF Mitigation Site Towns of Middlebury &amp; Warsaw, Wyoming County</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>11:00 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith</b>			
1. <b><i>General Update</i></b>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <a href="#"><u><b><i>Camp Wyomoco 2021</i></b></u></a>	<i>*Closed for another year. However, looking to rent for other events.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>Fair Association w/M. Roche</b>			
	<i>Anticipate holding fair mid-August. May see more hand washing stations and disinfectant stations. There was some talk about holding the Letchworth Craft Sale at the Fairgrounds over Columbus Day weekend. More to follow...</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Conservation w/S. Klein</b>			
	<i>Perry Herald recently announced acceptance of several Wyoming County Farms into the Genesee Valley Conservancy through the Purchase of Development Rights program.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Dairy Industry w/S. Klein</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>First harvest of the year – Maple</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yields have been a bit on the “short” side                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 60 – 75% of a normal yield</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><i>Dryness – fields are ready to go.</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Silver Lake has finally attained a 97” stable number, which is right where they try to keep the lake level.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><i>Large farms are looking to hook into municipal water.</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Milk production ~</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NYS has been top in milk production / falling to 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> in national ranking.</li> <li>○ Milk production in NYS still up 2% / Current pricing at \$16.50 cwt.</li> <li>○ Processing has been a problem during the COVID pandemic                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shortage of containers, plastic tops, pallet wrap, etc.</li> <li>▪ COVID blamed for not being able to acquire the raw materials or transportation</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Talk of “hyperinflation” by financial officials during the meeting...</li> <li>○ Butter and powdered milk exports / can’t get shipping containers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>County Forestlands w/</b>			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Green Energy Committee</b>			
<i>Per Green Energy Committee Chair Becker and Board Chair Ryan, the President of the Lake Hiram Association from the Town of Arcade, reached out with a request to address this committee or the entire Board of Supervisors relative to a claim that the Alle-Catt siting board failed to notify Hiram Lake Land owners of their wind project. Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade explained that the Association must have used Association boundary lines v. distance between a wind turbine and a residence in their calculations. Committee Chair Ryan recognized that the request was not a county matter and referred the gentleman to the Town for further discussion. Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade explained that the project is expected to reduce town taxes by 50%.</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

Signature of Committee Chairman: p/S. Klein & B. Becker (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum \_\_\_\_\_).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ 10:30 AM.**

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