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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
10:30 AM Committee Chair's Agenda			
1. <u>Fall NYSAC Conf. Resolution:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Resolution in Support of Research into Harmful Algal Bloom Prevention and Mitigation</i> 		Motion: Kehl Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent: 2 Becker, Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
2. <u>Fall NYSAC Conf. Resolution:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Resolution in Support of the Right to Repair</i> 		Motion: Kehl Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent: 2 Becker, Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
3. <u>Fall NYSAC Conf. Resolution:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Resolution in Support of New York State Sharing Agricultural Mitigation Fees with Counties to Support County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Initiatives</i> 		Motion: Kehl Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent: 2 Becker, Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
4. <u>DEC Proposes Regulation Allowing Counties to Opt Out of Holiday Deer Hunt</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Comments on Proposed Regulation Accepted through Nov. 14, 2021 	<i>At the request of Supervisor Becker, T/Sheldon</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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Resolution in support of proposed New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regulation allowing counties to annually opt-out of the end-of-year, "Holiday Hunt" slated to occur between Dec. 26 and Jan. 01		Motion: Kehl Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent: 2 Becker, Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
10:45 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
1. <u>August 2021 Monthly Update</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. Renew Resolution for Order of Protection for Deer – Wyoming County Department of Animal Control has indicated that there is potential for unnecessary loss to the white tailed deer population due to dogs chasing the deer. Resolution would require that all dogs in the County of Wyoming be securely confined for the period of November 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022 , under Article 7, Section 122 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law.		Motion: Roche Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent: 2 Becker, Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION

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3. <i>Renew Resolution for Confinement of Dogs</i> - which requires that all dogs in the County of Wyoming shall be securely confined from dusk to dawn for the period of <i>January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022</i> , under Article 7, Section 122 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law.		Motion: Roche Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent: 2 Becker, Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
11:00 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith and members of the 4-H Team			
1. <i>4-H Youth Development Program Report:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wyoming County Fair Debrief: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4-H team to provide a full debrief on the 2021 Wyoming County Fair 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <i>National Shooting Sports Contest:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 4-H team to recognize two youth participants from the National Shooting Sports Contest (see attached). 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<i>Resolution in recognition of Hannah Spicer and Rachael Paddock for representing Wyoming County Shooting Sports Club and New York State at the 4-H National Championship in Grand Island, Nebraska.</i>	<i>Thirty-two (32) states sent competitors to the National Championship this year.</i> <i>Hannah placed 6th in 3-position air rifle and Rachel placed 1st. In the standing match, Hannah earned 15th and Rachael 10th. Congratulations to both on these accomplishments!!</i>	Motion: Roche Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent: 2 Becker, Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In addition to retaining the 230 employees from Empire Cheese, the company says it plans to hire 200 additional people. Jobs will range in salary from \$45,000 to \$200,000 according to Cattaraugus County officials.</i> ▪ GREEN BAY, WIS. – BelGioioso Cheese, Inc. has entered into an agreement to acquire Polly-O, a historic cheese brand founded in 1899, for an undisclosed purchase price. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Polly-O brand of cheese will expand BelGioioso's footprint in the dairy category in addition to its existing Casaro brand.</i> • <i>Last year, Polly-O achieved net sales of roughly \$177 million. The brand is known for its ricotta, mozzarella, and string cheeses.</i> • <i>Kraft Heinz agreed to sell the Polly-O business to the Lactalis Group in autumn 2020 as part of a natural cheese transaction previously announced by Kraft Heinz and the Lactalis Group.</i> • <i>In fulfillment of conditions identified during the customary antitrust review of that transaction by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Lactalis Group has agreed to sell the Polly-O business to BelGioioso Cheese.</i> • <i>BelGioioso's acquisition of the Polly-O business also remains subject to final approval by U.S. regulators and the satisfaction or waiver of other customary closing conditions.</i> • <i>Locally, the hope is to arrange a contract with BelGioioso for local milk supply to continue to be part of the Polly-O brand.</i> • <i>Upstate Niagara Milk Cooperative has contracts with Polly-O through 2022 with the hope of renewing those contracts.</i> 		

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Fair Association w/M. Roche			
	<i>Supervisor Roche, T/Eagle (and General Supt. of the Fairgrounds) reported on the Amish Auction that took place during Labor Day weekend. It was well attended.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Conservation w/			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Ag. & Farmland Protection			
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11:15 AM Planning & Development Department w/J. Bragg			
1. Planner's Report • Joint workshop with CCE – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Navigating Solar Lease Agreements and the Solar Development Process” on Tuesday, October 26 for farmers, landowners, elected officials and Planning Board members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A morning workshop (9:30 – 11:00 AM) will be focused lease agreements; ▪ The afternoon session (12:30 – 2:30 PM) will be focused on municipal operations. 		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, October 27, 2021 @ 10:30 AM.**

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