

## Town of York Farmland/Open Space Preservation Committee Meeting

November 10, 2010 at 7:00pm

Location: York Town Hall

Present: Lee Gratwick, Larry Smith, Davies Nagel, David Deuel

### Reviewed old business

1. Mr. Deuel will continue work on obtaining a NYS grant for a Farmland Preservation Plan.
2. Mr. Nagel and Ms. Gratwick will work on viewshed project to have a presentation ready for the Town Board and the Planning Board.
3. Signs promoting York as a Right to Farm Community. Wooden signs too expensive, also not enough room to put on present signs, which are not in very good condition. Do not want to contribute to "sign pollution", would like to install 3-4 signs to gauge public acceptance, opinion. Green and white metal signs, possibly on Rt. 20, east end Fowlerville Rd., and Rt. 36 on present metal sign at end of Ellicott Road. Also, a sign in the Town Hall with office staff input.

### New Business

1. Discussed a "Living in the Country" brochure as Tompkins and Saratoga Counties have. County Planning and County Cooperative Extension started discussion on such a project last year, however not much has been done. Perhaps we can give them some encouragement.
2. Mr. Deuel will look into the state's "Scenic Rt.5 and 20" designation and what it involves and requires.
3. Discussed the Town's infrastructure, particularly water. Talked about smart growth and how to encourage fill in development according to the Comprehensive Plan, as opposed to sprawl. Discussion to be ongoing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting to be held January 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the York Town Hall. All are welcomed.