

WILLIAMSON PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes September 1, 2015

APPROVED

Present:

J. Ferrante
J. Fox
D. Hoffman, Alternate
A. Reid
R. Stevens, Alternate
J. Willis
T. Wozniak, Chair

Absent:

Also in attendance: G. Mills, M. Lagoner, D. Lagoner

The **Work Session** was opened at 7:00 p.m. by T. Wozniak. Agenda items were discussed and materials were reviewed. There was also discussion regarding right to farm legislation and the Genesee Land Trust.

The **Planning Board Meeting** was opened at 7:30 p.m. by T. Wozniak.

The Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2015 Planning Board Meeting as written. Motion carried.

AGENDA

Agenda Item #1

Application to renew Special Use Permit per Town of Williamson, Town Code, Chapter 178, Article III, Sections 178-95 (H), for Mark Lagoner of 6954 Tuckahoe Rd, Williamson, NY 14589. Applicant operates a farm cidery at 6895 Lake Ave, Williamson, NY. Property is owned by applicant and is zoned A-1 (Agricultural).

Mark and Diana Lagoner were present.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Applicant wishes to renew the Special Use Permit granted a year ago; conducting business under State requirements.

T. Wozniak asked if there were questions, comments, and/or concerns. There were none.

The Public Hearing was closed.

The Motion was made to approve the application to renew Special Use Permit per Town of Williamson, Town Code, Chapter 178, Article III, Sections 178-95 (H), for Mark Lagoner of 6954 Tuckahoe Rd, Williamson, NY. for the operation of a farm cidery at 6895 Lake Ave, Williamson, NY. Special Use Permit granted for 2 years; fee waived and all future renewal fees waived. Motion carried.

Intra Board

- √ discussion regarding a change to the fence setback in the Ag zone may need to be reviewed further; NYS Ag and Market – to review zoning ordinances, look into exemptions, “farm friendly” rules, etc.
- √ Genesee Land Trust presentation about their purchase of the Cornwall property Gay Mills (Executive Director of the Genesee Land Trust) was present. She provided information regarding the Genesee Land Trust; an independent not for profit organization who conducts business primarily in Wayne and Monroe Counties with some adjacent properties.

The cost of the Cornwall property is \$674,000 which they plan to raise through donations, fundraisers, and state grants. They are currently 2/3 of the way there with a deadline of September 30, 2015.

The property being purchased consists of 74 acres and will be managed as a nature preserve with trails, habitat protection, bird migration, etc. The lake shore is a primary focus. It will not be maintained as a park-type setting. There will be a small parking area to allow for people to access the trails. Their goal is to provide a natural protected area and preserve the landscape.

Leases on this property currently in place will be honored.

- √ discussion regarding Planning Board members and alternates

The Motion was made to adjourn the Planning Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Greaney