

# 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**