

March 8, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing on Acquisition of Development Rights of Certain Real Properties in the Town of Warwick. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Michael Sweeton
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Councilman James Gerstner
Councilman Mickey Shuback - Absent
Councilman Russ Kowal - Absent

Attorney for the Town, Jay Myrow

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on February 28, 2018.
(Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – We have two Public Hearings tonight one is a continuation. I would like to do the new one first because I think it will hopefully be short and then get onto the one most of you are here for. For the public's information in 2006 it was a voter referendum on community preservation to fund the transfer tax that passed and that has now become the other vehicle to by which to acquire our additional development rights on working farms in the town. The farms that were quoted tonight are the ones that are under current consideration. They have all received either federal or state funding for that acquisition. Some have both. To briefly tell you, the Grizzanti Farm is 43.6 Acres. It has 92% soils of state wide significance and its 50% funded by the federal program NRCS Farmland Preservation Program. 101 Jessup Road is formerly known as Apple Ridge Orchard on Jessup Road. It's a small orchard. I think Steve Pennings and his family are here and worked it for a while. It is 61 acres and has 64% prime and state-wide significance soils and it is funded 50% by the NRCS federal program. The Newport Bloom Farm formerly known as the Luft Farm and that has been acquired by a farmer that is already in the program and is expanding his farm. That is Will Brown and Barbara Felton. It has 70% prime and state-wide soils and it has a 75% funding match from NYS Ag and Markets and a 12.5% contribution from the Open Space Institute too. So those development rights are being acquired by the town with very little community preservation money. That is an even better one for the town. The Kjarval Farm is located off Belcher Road. It is 108 acres. It has 71% soils of state-wide and prime significance and has a 50% match from the federal NRCS Program. The Oprandy Farm is located off Rt 17A. It is the farm that surrounds the Peach Grove. It is also currently being farmed 85% prime and state wide prime soil. It has a 50% match from the federal program and a 25% match from the NYS Department of Ag and Markets. The Brown Farm is located on Big Island Road. It is an 82-acre farm with 61% prime and state-wide soils. It has a 50% federal match and a 25% state match. All those farms are being acquired with significant funds


outside of community preservation fund. They are all being actively farmed in various ways. At this point do any of the board members have any questions?

There were no comments from the board.

Supervisor Sweeton – Then I open it to the public for any questions on that. The way the program works is we actually acquire the development rights. The farmer continues to own the farm, he can continue to farm, he can sell the farm, he just can't put houses on the farm. It's been quite successful and there was about 4,000 acres in the town now under preservation and I think the Pennings family is one of those. So, we thank them for that. Anyone, comments from the public? Seeing none, any other comments from the board?

There were no public comments for or against this public hearing from the public or the Town Board.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 Absent Councilman Shuback, Absent, Councilman Kowal Absent) 7:20 p.m.
03-09-18 EA**


Eileen M. Astorino
Eileen M. Astorino, Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Warwick, New York, on February 8, 2018, a resolution pertaining to the possible acquisition of development rights of certain real properties in the Town of Warwick, known as the:

Grizzanti Farm	SBL# 12-5-26 & 27
101 Jessup Road Farm	SBL# 17-1-30
Newport Bloom (Luft) Farm	SBL# 26-1-110
Kajarvel Farm	SBL# 33-1-62
Oprandy Farm	SBL# 44-1-133
Brown Farm (Steve)	SBL# 17-1-39.3 & 40

under provisions of Town of Warwick Local Law No.6 of the year 2001, entitled "Agricultural and Open Space Preservations and Acquisitions." A complete copy of the appraisals is available in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the requirements of Local Law No.6 of 2001 and applicable state codes, The Town Board of the Town of Warwick will hold a public hearing on said proposed acquisition at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, New York 10990 on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 7:15 p.m. at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard.

The Town of Warwick will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

DATED: February 28, 2018

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF WARWICK
EILEEN M. ASTORINO
TOWN CLERK**