PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING ON INCLUSION OF LAND INTO CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

The Board Chair called the public hearing to order.

The Clerk of the Board read the Notice of Hearing as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCLUSION OF LAND INTO CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing has been scheduled by the Board of Representatives of Otsego County, State of New York, in the Representatives’ Chambers at the County Office Building in the Village of Cooperstown, New York, on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 9:55 a.m. for consideration of a request to include one (1) parcel of viable agricultural land into certified agricultural districts located within the County of Otsego and the recommendations of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. These requests have been filed with the County legislature, pursuant to Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

One landowner has requested that their agricultural land, located in the Town of Worcester be included in Agricultural District #2 within Otsego County.

A listing of the parcels to be included and the recommendations of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board may be examined at the Otsego County Planning Department at The Meadows Building, 140 County Highway 33W, Cooperstown, New York during regular business hours.

All parties in interest and citizens will be heard by the Otsego County Board of Representatives at the public hearing. The location of the public hearing is accessible to persons with mobility impairment.

Dated: February 23, 2017

Carol D. McGovern
Clerk of the Board of Representatives
Otsego County, New York

The Board Chair asked if anyone wished to speak on the proposed agricultural district changes.

Russ Ahrens, County Highway 26, Cooperstown asked who is the landowner, how much land is being included, and voiced his concerns with the taxes on these properties being reduced significantly and when these properties are sold the taxes that are due are rarely paid back to the municipality.

Since no other persons present wished to be heard, the Board Chair declared the public hearing closed at 10:46 a.m.