

## MINUTES

### GENESEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

Monday, July, 19, 2021

A meeting of the Genesee County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board was held on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. in the Large Conference Room of Genesee County Building No. 2. Members in attendance: Christian Yunker, LuAnn McKenzie, Jan Beglinger, Janette Veazey-Post, Kevin Andrews, Steven Boldt, Dennis Phelps, and Felipe Oltramari. Staff present were: Erin Pence and Tim Welch from Soil and Water. Rachel Chrostowski attended remotely via Zoom Cloud Meetings.

**Felipe Oltramari called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.**

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 22, 2021 was made by Christian Yunker, seconded by Steven Boldt, and carried unanimously.**

#### Request from Rachel Chrostowski with the Western NY Land Conservancy for a letter of support to protect and conserve Springhill Farm

Rachel presented an overview of the Western New York Land Conservancy (WNYLC) and their efforts to protect both natural and agricultural land in western NY. She has been focusing recently on grants from New York State that pays farmers for the development rights on their land. She is currently writing a grant towards the purpose of the purchase of development rights for Springhill Farm, located in the Towns of Darien and Alexander. The conservation easement will cover 368 acres across four parcels that contains 292 acres of active agricultural area.

**A motion was made by LuAnn McKenzie to author and send a letter of support towards the effort of protecting and conserving Springhill Farm. The motion was seconded by Janette Veazey-Post and carried unanimously.**

#### Other Business

The Board discussed trends on farming and solar development in the County.

**A motion was made to adjourn by Christian Yunker, seconded by Dennis Phelps, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.**