

**Town of Ballston**  
**Farmland Preservation and Protection Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 16, 2021 7:00pm**

Attendance: Chair, Scott Draina; members Stephen Merchant, Joan Pott, and Kathy Knight, Councilwoman Kelly Jasinski.

Absent: Councilman Chuck Curtiss, Linda Voehringer, and Zach Boekeloo

Meeting called to order by Chair, Scott Draina, at 7:30 pm.

A. Councilwoman Jasinski read the definition of agritourism written by Nan Stolzenburg using Ag & Mkts and FPP Committee's recommendations. We unanimously voted to approve it. We questioned the lack of inclusion in the Solar Law of the FPP Comm and ZBA recommendations.

1. Kelly J. emailed Nan to ask if we need to separately define agritainment.

B. Kelly gave us a quick Tutorial on the use of the Town's website.

C. Kathy Knight volunteered to call the Assessor's Office to obtain a copy of the Ag Assessment roll. Scott will obtain the Town's Soil Maps from Saratoga Co. Soil & Water.

1. For the third time, the Committee will assemble a list of farmlands by owner and location, and prioritize the farms for preservation using the same criteria NYS Ag & Markets uses beginning with prime soil types.

D. Kathy Knight and Steve Merchant questioned where the signs saying, "Welcome to the Town of Ballston, a Farm's First Community", originally installed on Town roads at the boundaries of the Town, have gone. They need to be reposted.

1. Mention was made that statement was and should be displayed in the beginning of Comp Plan and has been omitted.
2. Kelly J. said she will check into both omissions and advise us

E. An 11 pm curfew for dimming of commercial, as well as residential, lighting was discussed. We ask that the Board consider this.

F. In our ongoing effort to inform and involve the Ag Community, we discussed holding a week-night cider/coffee/cider donuts meeting featuring Supervisor Connolly and Planner Nan Stolzenburg explaining the Town's own PDR Program. April was suggested as the weather should be snow-free. Discussion will continue.

G. Next meeting would normally be in December, but it falls two days before Christmas. It was decided to meet Jan. 18, 2022, instead.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Pott

