

MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING, TOWN, PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS *CORRECTED*

January 6, 2011

PURPOSE OF MEETING: **Agriculture and Farmland Protection**

Members Present: Zoning Board: Linda Riehlman, Amy Bertini, Kay Vossler, Bob Lieber

Planning Board: James Seamons, James Harris, Dawn Lewis, Barb Albro, Nate Currie

Town Board: Deb Brock, Peter Knapp. Also present: Town attorney, Don Armstrong and Code Enforcement, Rick Fritz.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Motion to approve minutes of previous meeting made by Bob Lieber, seconded by Linda Riehlman, all in favor, the motion carried.

New Business: Presentation by Peter Knapp. Peter went through a brief history of the first farms in Cortland County to participate in the Farmland Protection Act. The towns of Homer, Preble and Scott have been very proactive in seeking the protection of our rural agricultural land. A grant became available allowing valuable community assets to be protected, especially in light of our proximity to Route 81 and development throughout the corridor.

Deb Brock and Peter Knapp work closely as a Preble committee with Dan Dineen of County Planning. They have worked closely with Judy Wright, American Farmland Trust, to write a grant on behalf of the Town of Preble. Peter believes that due to New York's economic woes, any financial support received will be at the federal level.

Next Peter went through the draft goals and vision statement adopted by the Towns of Homer, Preble and Scott. These materials are available for public review. Deb Brock stated there would be a public meeting at a future date. The committee welcomes comments or community input. The presentation ended at

8:35 P.M. after which board members were free to ask questions and offer comments. Motion to adjourn at 8:50 made by Bob Lieber, seconded by Linda Riehman , all in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne McCloskey, Secretary