

**PUBLIC HEARING
ON INCLUSION IN THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT
TO BE HELD BY THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Wednesday April 8, 2015 6:45 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by Chairman Albano who requested that Legislator Castellano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Castellano, LoBue, Wright and Chairman Albano were present. Legislator Gross was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

Chairman Albano requested the Clerk to read the Public Notice:

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Article 25-AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York, Section 303-b, that one or more requests have been received by the Putnam County Legislature for inclusion of predominately viable agricultural land within Putnam County's certified Agricultural District.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board has considered these requests for inclusion and reported that the parcels for inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the parcels requested for inclusion are:

Town of Putnam Valley:

Forest Charolais Farms – Tax Map #85.-1-24 (39.3 acres), 85.-1-25 (53.8 Acres) Total Acreage: 93.10

Town of Patterson:

Robert Mancini – Tax Map #23.-2-27 (104.47 acres), 23.-2-32 (32.68 acres), 34.-3-63 (31.16 acres) Total Acreage: 168.31

Town of Philipstown:

Cold Spring Farm – Marian & Nicholas Rockwell – Tax Map #38.-3-25 (85 acres) Total Acreage: 85.0

For a total of 346.41 acres.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 6:45 P.M. in the Historic Courthouse, Carmel, New York, to consider these requests for inclusion and the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board.

**BY ORDER OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
Diane Schonfeld
Clerk**

Chairman Albano requested that anyone wishing to speak should come up to the microphone, state their name and the town in which they reside.

Ms. Marian Rockwell, Cold Spring Farm owner of 85 acres in the Town of Philipstown. Ms. Rockwell stated that her application for inclusion into the Agricultural District included a complete plan for a horse boarding facility. She stated that she has been in communication with Dr. Somers, Manager of the State's Agricultural Protection Unit. She stated that the Town of Philipstown has treated her parcel as if it's a major development project. She stated that it would be very difficult to actually do the Agricultural Horse Boarding facility. She stated that she will also have some hay fields and has already converted some of the property into hay fields. She has also planted approximately 40 apple trees to have an apple orchard. She stated that she is grateful for the existence of the farm protection act and without it would not have even considered this as a possibility. She stated that she will continue to develop the property until it is considered feasible to be included in the Agricultural District.

There being no member of the public wishing to speak, at 6:53 P.M., Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.