

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

Tuesday February 7, 2012 6:45 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by Chairwoman Conklin who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Tamagna, Oliverio, Othmer, Albano, Gross, Birmingham, LoBue, DiCarlo and Chairwoman Conklin were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

Chairwoman Conklin requested that the Clerk read the Public Notice (attached).

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

Mr. Dan Kuchta, an applicant for inclusion in the Agricultural District, stated that he and his wife have operated a horse farm in the Town of Patterson since 1998 as a horse training and breeding facility. The previous owner had also operated the property as a horse farm. Going back over 100 years, the property was used as a farm field and a cow pasture. Agriculture Law changed in 2011 to recognize horse training as an agricultural activity. They have the support of all their neighbors. The neighbors had all sent letters in support of the farm.

Mr. Kuchta continued by stating that they bring agricultural value and economic activity to the Town of Patterson without great impact to the environment. He appreciated the County's support of agriculture in the County. He requested support for including their farm in the Agricultural District.

There being no other member of the public wishing to speak, at 6:50 P.M., Legislator Oliverio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

Respectfully requested, Chris Marrone, Clerk.