

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

Tuesday July 3, 2018 6:45 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 P.M. by Chairman Castellano who requested that Legislator Scuccimarra lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Jonke, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairman Castellano were present. Legislators Nacerino and Albano were absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Chairman Castellano 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:

Cimarron Ranch & Valley View Farm (Alexander Kaspar) – Tax Map #72.-1-47 (25.18 acres) Tax Map #72.-1-50 (110. Acres) Tax Map #83.-1-1 (239.28 acres) Tax Map #83.-1-11 (60.41 acres) and Tax Map #79.19.-1-29 (1.55 acres) Total Acreage: 436.42

Town of Southeast:

(Christophe Landon) – Tax Map #57.-2-47 (69.40 acres) Total Acreage 69.40

Total acreage in petitions: 505.82

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 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 Castellano requested that anyone wishing to speak should come up to the microphone, state their name and the town in which they reside.

Sam Oliverio, Jr., Town of Putnam Valley Supervisor explained that it was ludicrous that Mr. Kaspar would again request Agricultural District status since nothing has changed since last year. He explained that he is still under a receivership, still has many violations on his property pertaining to contamination from construction debris. He stated that the NYSDEC and the Town of Putnam Valley is overseeing this. He stated that it has been over 12 years since these violations occurred and Mr. Kaspar has not tried to remedy or eradicate the contamination that he put upon the beautiful farm land. He explained that Mr. Kaspar legally does not even have the right to request Agricultural District status under receivership which was appointed by the courts dating back over 12 years ago. He explained that we were just in court with him on Friday, June 29, 2018, and again Mr. Kaspar is refusing to follow the court's demands of remediating the property. Supervisor Oliverio requested that the Legislature not grant Agricultural status to the property Mr. Kaspar has listed as Cimarron Ranch & Valley View Farm. He believed if the Agricultural status was granted, Mr. Kaspar would only use it as a shield and would continue to deface and defile the property.

There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, at 6:53 p.m., Chairman Castellano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.