

Town of Canandaigua

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DATE: November 5, 2020

TO: Chairman Chuck Oyler & members of the Planning Board
FROM: Chairman Bob DiCarlo & members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee
RE: Referrals from the Planning Review Committee (PRC)

In accordance with Town of Canandaigua Town Code §17-5 the Town of Canandaigua Agricultural Advisory Committee (Ag Committee) met on November 5, 2020 to review and provide comment relative to the application(s) listed below and referred to the Ag Committee by the PRC. The applications and the Ag Committee's findings are as follows.

CPN-20-071 4459 Middle Cheshire Road Tax Map # 126.00-1-22.121 63.6 acres

Review based on:

- Application materials on file as of 11/05/2020
- Ontario County On-Cor maps
- Maps and Parcel Ranking data in the 2016 Agricultural Enhancement Plan
- Maps and Parcel Ranking data in the 2018 Open Space, Conservation, and Scenic Views Master Plan
- Town policies and maps incorporated in Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Planning documents adopted by Town Board.

Project Findings:

1. The applicant is seeking a special use permit to place solar panels for on-site residential use on the edge of the farm field near the residence.
2. Parcel **IS** located in Ontario County Ag District 1.
3. Parcel **IS** currently farmed by Peter (DeHond?).
4. Parcel **DID** receive a rating from Ag Enhancement Plan. Scored moderate for soils, low for natural resources, moderate for development pressure, and high for proximity to protected land (Wyffells Farm).
5. Property **DID** receive a rating from the Open Space Master Plan. It was rated low (under 1000 pts).
6. Property **IS NOT** in the Padelford Brook Greenway
7. Property **IS** in the Strategic Farmland Protection Area
8. Property **IS NOT** in the Strategic Forest Protection Area

Property Analysis

Type	Description	% Coverage	Acres
Agricultural District	ONT01	995.5%	63.4
Ecological Community	Successional Northern Hardwoods	2.717%	1.7
Ecological Community	Cropland	92.593%	58.9
Ecological Community	Mowed Lawn	4.227%	2.7
Ecological Community	Pastureland	0.463%	0.3
NRCS Soils	Darien silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	4.9%	3.1
NRCS Soils	Darien silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	3.5%	2.3
NRCS Soils	Honeoye loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	1.4%	0.9
NRCS Soils	Lansing silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	3.3%	2.1
NRCS Soils	Lima loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	27.7%	17.6
NRCS Soils	Lima loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	28.7%	18.3
NRCS Soils	Danley-Lansing complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	30.1%	19.2
NRCS Soils	Honeoye loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	0.4%	0.3
NRCS Soils	Lyons silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	0.0%	0.0
Utilities - Electric	ROCHESTER GAS & ELECTRIC	100.0%	63.7
Utilities - Gas	NEW YORK STATE ELCTRIC & GAS	100.0%	63.7
Utilities - Telephone	Finger Lakes Technology Group	100.0%	63.7
Utilities - Telephone	Frontier Telephone of Rochester	100.0%	63.7
Watershed	Canandaigua Lake	100.0%	63.7
Wetlands - NWI	Freshwater Emergent Wetland	0.2%	0.1

Comments:

- The portion of the field to be used for the solar panels is small and positioned in the corner of the field. There should be no significant issues for the farmer.

MOTION: *"The Agriculture Advisory Committee feels that though there will technically be a loss of farmable area in the field due to the construction of the solar arrays, it is not a large area and will not prevent the farmer from continuing to farm the rest of the field. The committee recommends the Town of Canandaigua Planning Board find the proposed project DOES NOT cause a loss of agricultural lands for the Town of Canandaigua."*

CPN-20-074 2418-2480 Brickyard Road Tax Map # 70.00-1-74.110 211.9 acres

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