

A Special Meeting of the Marilla Town Board was held Tuesday July 5, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Marilla Town Hall, 1740 Two Rod Road, Marilla, New York 14102.

Officials present were:

John Foss, Supervisor
Fred Specht, Councilman
Barbara Spanitz, Councilman
Warren Handley, Councilman

Absent: George Gertz, Councilman

Supervisor Foss called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of adopting the following resolution concerning PACE.

Motion: Councilman Handley moved, seconded by Councilman Spanitz to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the town of Marilla has received a grant from the State of New York and a grant from the United States to purchase development rights in real property located in the Town of Marilla for the purpose of maintaining open space and preserving farmland ("Farmland Protection Program").

WHEREAS, the Town of Marilla has determined that it is within the Town's best interest to purchase development rights in real property for the purposes of maintaining open space and preserving farmland.

WHEREAS, the Town of Marilla has used its best efforts to promptly cooperate with the requirements imposed by the State of New York and the Federal Government in regard to receiving funding under their Farmland Protection Programs.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Marilla is of the opinion feels its efforts to effectively participate in the State and Federal Farmland Protection Programs have been severely hampered by the leisurely manner in which the State and Federal Governments review the documents submitted by the Town for the Farmland Protection Programs.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Marilla is also of the opinion that the effectiveness of the State Farmland Protection Program is hindered by employee turnover at the New York State Department of Agriculture and by Federal policy changes throughout the Town's attempt at participating in the Farmland Protection Programs.

WHEREAS, the Town has now been told by the State Department of Agriculture and Markets that all on-going Farmland Protection Programs within the Town must close by mid-August, 2005 or that the Grant monies awarded to the Town will expire.

WHEREAS, the Town of Marilla believes that the State and Federal Farmland Protection Programs are excellent Programs truly providing a benefit to the Town of Marilla, that simply require improved and more prompt implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor George Pataki, Senator Dale Volker, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Member Sandra Lee Wirth, and Congressmen Brian Higgins.

Motion Carried.

Motion: Councilman Specht moved, seconded by Councilman Handley to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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