



MINUTES OF THE EASEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

June 5, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Hutson, *Committee Chair*
Paul Gallay, *via Teams*
Wayland ‘Bud’ Gladstone
Karl Gockel, *via Teams*
Fred Huneke
John Verhoeven, *via Teams*
John Vickers, *NYC DEP Representative*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

N/A

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ryan Naatz, *Executive Director*
Serena Orleski, *Easement Program Manager*
Bill Martin, *Easement Program Acquisition Coordinator*
Mike Morales, *Easement Program Stewardship Coordinator*
Dennis Heinz, *Senior Land Stewardship Specialist*
Brent McKeon, *Land Conservation Stewardship Specialist*
Matt Schaefer, *Land Conservation Stewardship Specialist*
Troy Bookhout, *Easement Program Conservation Planner*
Brittany Schenck, *Forestry Exec. Assistant & WOH Educator*
Dudley “Lee” Harris, *NYC DOI, via Teams*
Paul Kacmarczyk, *DOH, via Teams*
Mogan Zyzik-Tarbell, *DOH, via Teams*
Michael VanderWerff, *NYS DEP, via Teams*

PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

Sean Leddy, *Delaware County, via Teams*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2024 public meeting of the Easement Committee.

Motion: Wayland ‘Bud’ Gladstone

Second: John Vickers

Motion Carried

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT/PROGRAM MOTIONS

A. Chair's Report

Tom Hutson shared an upcoming meeting with the American Farmland Trust (AFT) regarding "farms in transition"/land access. Members from WAC will be in attendance and can update the committee at the July meeting.

B. Easement Committee Charge

Discussion ensued; EC agreed to approve, as written, today. All acknowledged there may be changes to Committee Composition in the near future; if that were to occur, a revision to the current charge will be presented.

Motion to approve the Easement Committee Charge [as presented].

Motion: Fred Huneke

Second: Wayland "Bud" Gladstone

Motion Carried

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

VI. STEWARDSHIP MOTIONS

None.

VII. STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

A. John Lamport (Home) (PID #6017): Forest Harvest Plan – Staff Approval

B. John Lamport (Home) (PID #601): Forest Harvest Plan – Staff Approval

Brent presented these updates. Jeff Bush of Bush Logging will be completing a commercial harvest of mainly Ash trees before the Emerald Ash Borer can affect them. He will potentially need to cross into a neighboring property for the landing, but all parties have been notified appropriately.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IX-XI)

Motion at 10:32am to go into Executive Session to discuss Violations/Legal Updates, Acquisition Project Motions/Updates, and Other Business.

Motion: John Vickers

Second: Fred Huneke

Motion Carried

Motion at 11:22am to come out of Executive Session.

Motion: Wayland "Bud" Gladstone

Second: John Vickers

Motion Carried

IX. VIOLATIONS/LEGAL UPDATES

- A. (PID#6140): Timber Harvest violation

X. ACQUISITION PROJECT MOTIONS/UPDATES (MOTIONS IN PUBLIC MEETING)

ACE Project Motions

- A. (PID #6315): Appraisal Approval, Offer Authorization and Purchase & Sale Contract Execution

Motion to approve appraisal, authorize offer, and execute contract for the purchase and sale of an Agricultural Conservation Easement for PID #6315, encompassing ~702.26 acres, at the full easement value of \$950 per acre.

Motion: John Vickers

Second: Paul Gallay

Motion Carried

- B. June 2024 ACE Applicant Approvals

- 1. (PID#6188): Applicant Approval

(PID# 6188): Motion to Approve Applicant

Motion: John Vickers

Second: Fred Huneke

Motion Carried

FCE Project Motions

- A. (PID# 6323): Land Plan Approval & Appraisal Authorization

Motion to approve the Land Plan for PID# 6323 based on the Land Planning Maps dated March 8, 2024, as presented, and authorize appraisal of an easement under the following scenario:

One (1) ADA consisting of 3.11 acres, one (1) MUA consisting of 54.56 acres, one (1) FA consisting of 96.93 acres, and zero (0) additional tax parcels.

<u>Existing</u>		<u>Land Plan</u>		<u>Total</u>
Tax parcels: 1	+	Subdivision: 0	=	Tax parcels: 1
		ADA: 1	=	ADA: 1
		MUA: 1	=	MUA: 1

Motion: John Verhoeven
Second: Paul Gallay
Motion Carried

B. June 2024 FCE Applicant Approvals

1. (PID#6327): Applicant Approval

(PID# 6327): Motion to Approve Applicant

Motion: John Verhoeven
Second: Wayland “Bud” Gladstone
Motion Carried

2. (PID#6328): Applicant Approval

(PID# 6328): Motion to Approve Applicant

Motion: Wayland “Bud” Gladstone
Second: Fred Huneke
Motion Carried

3. (PID#6325): Applicant Approval

(PID# 6325): Motion to Approve Applicant

Motion: Fred Huneke
Second: John Verhoeven
Motion Denied by common consent.

4. (PID#6326): Applicant Approval

(PID# 6326): Motion to Approve Applicant

Motion: John Verhoeven
Second: Wayland “Bud” Gladstone
Abstained: Karl Gockel
Motion Denied by common consent.

Updates
None.

XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:44am by comment consent.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 3rd at 10:00 a.m., via Teams**