

**TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY

July 9, 2014

Supervisor Zupan opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. with two Councilors present. Councilor Race and Councilor Driscoll were absent.

The meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

Resolution No. 97 presented by Councilor Andersen, seconded by Councilor Moran

FARMLAND PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation is applying for a Farmland Protection Implementation Grant through New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for grant money to place a conservation easement on Pushlar Farms in Cazenovia; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia endorses this application for the purchase of development rights because it meets the Town's criteria for long-term viability of farm operations; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Town's support, the Town Board wishes to authorize the Supervisor to execute a letter of Town support for the Farmland Protection Implementation Grant for Pushlar Farms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the attached Farmland Protection Implementation Grant proposal letter demonstrating the Town of Cazenovia's support and the willingness to participate in the grant application process as needed by the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation.

July 10, 2014

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
10B Airline Drive
Albany, NY 12235

RE: Farmland Protection Implementation Grant proposal

The Town of Cazenovia understands that the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation is applying for a Farmland Protection Implementation Grant through the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to place a conservation easement on Pushlar Farms in Cazenovia.

The Town Board endorses the application for grant money for the placement of a conservation easement on this land which was identified in the town's February, 2013 Farmland Protection Plan as farmland suitable for protection based on the high quality of the property's soils and current agricultural use.

In addition, the Town Board supports the prioritization of Pushlar Farms for the purchase of development rights because it meets the Town's further criteria of : 1) long-term viability of the farm operation, 2) impact on the protection of Chittenango Creek, a significant natural resource, and 3) location of farmland significantly close to encroaching development pressure.

The Town Board is willing to support and participate in the process of preparation of the project file as requested by the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation.

Sincerely,

William Zupan, Supervisor
Town of Cazenovia

Roll call:

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| Councilor Andersen | Yes |
| Councilor Race | Absent |
| Councilor Moran | Yes |
| Councilor Driscoll | Absent |
| Supervisor Zupan | Yes |

Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 97 adopted.

Motion by Councilor Moran, seconded by Councilor Andersen to adjourn this meeting.

Supervisor Zupan declared this meeting adjourned.

Signed: Connie J. Sunderman
Connie J. Sunderman, Town Clerk