



Ag, Planning & Environmental Committee

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045

Committee Meeting

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~ Agenda ~

Thursday, June 12, 2025

10:00 AM

Room 302

WebEx Meeting Information

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CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Committee Member Mitchel Eccleston	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Paul Heider	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member William McGovern	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Jason Prentice	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Sandra Price	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Vice-Chair Reed Cleland	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Chair Beau Harbin	☐	☐	☐	

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - May 8, 2025 10:00 AM

RESOLUTIONS

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Opposing Senate Bill S6530 to Prohibit Permits for New or Expanding Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

WHEREAS, June is Dairy Month in Cortland County and across New York, and it is a time for us to reflect to the many contributions of our dairy farms to our health, our communities, our economies and our families; AND

WHEREAS, New York State has a rich and diverse agricultural sector which produced over \$3.3 billion dollars in gross domestic product in 2021, with milk production ranking as the fifth highest of its forty-nine peers in the United States, according to the Office of the State Comptroller; AND

WHEREAS, Upstate New York is on the receiving end of several new major industries and important economic entities which are centered on dairy production; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Farm Bureau holds all farmers and farm workers to very high standards in matters of public health, workplace safety, and environmental contamination; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County boasts an agricultural economy wherein dairy farmers generate \$41.7 million dollars in sales per year, according to a 2019 agricultural survey, with at least fourteen individual multigenerational family farms milking over nine-hundred cows every year; AND

WHEREAS, since the 1990s, Cortland County dairy farms have received over \$16 million dollars in direct payments from New York State, according to statistics from the Environmental Working Group; AND

WHEREAS, as recently as June 2025, four of these family dairy farms collectively received \$1.2 million dollars in state investment as part of the Dairy Modernization Grant program; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has experienced devastating losses in the number of dairy farms operating within its borders as a result of rising national costs in fertilizers, feed, labor, regulations, and other pressures; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature joins with the New York State Farm Bureau and the Northeast Dairy Producers' Association in expressing its opposition to Senate Bill S6530, which would introduce an arbitrary statewide limit of seven-hundred cows per farm; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be and hereby is directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, State Senator Lea Webb, Assemblymember Anna Kelles, Assemblymember Jeff Gallahan, the New York State Association of Counties, the New York State Farm Bureau, and the Northeast Dairy Producers' Association, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Appoint Members - Cortland County Planning Board

WHEREAS, the term of Planning Board members expires on June 30, 2025; AND

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3, Terms of Office of the Cortland County Planning Board Bylaws states each voting member shall be appointed by the Legislature for a term of four (4) years; AND

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4, Vacancies of the Cortland County Planning Board Bylaws states vacancies in membership on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the Legislature in accordance with Section I, Article III of these Bylaws; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following is hereby appointed to the Cortland County Planning Board for the term as provided below:

Name	Address	Municipality	Term Expiration
Chuck Feiszli	27 N. Church Street, Cortland, NY 13045	City of Cortland	6/30/2029
Amy Bertini	6174 Little York Road, Preble, NY 13141	Preble	6/30/2029

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Appoint Members to the Transportation Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 289-19 authorized the formalization of the Transportation Advisory Committee as a Citizen's Advisory Committee; AND

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee, as a formal subcommittee of the

Agriculture, Planning, and Environmental Committee, will consist of a membership from a wide variety of community service agencies and government agencies; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature approved changes to the Bylaws of the Transportation Advisory Committee, which include staggering terms of members; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby appoints the following community service and government agency representatives, or their designee, to the Transportation Advisory Committee for a term beginning July 1, 2025 as follows:

NAME	AGENCY/CAPACITY	TERM ENDING
Bren Diass	Public Transportation Provider - Centro	Term/Ex-Officio
Olivia Prioli	Office for Aging	12/31/2025

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Authorization to Apply for Department of State Brownfield Opportunity Area Grant - Planning Department

WHEREAS, Cortland County Department of Planning herein called the "Applicant", after thorough consideration, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in its application and attachments, herein called the "Project", is desirable; AND

WHEREAS, §970-r of the General Municipal Law authorizes State assistance to eligible parties for Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program grants by means of a State Assistance Contract (the contract); AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to enter into a contract therewith; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Director of Planning is the representative authorized to act in behalf of all applicants in all matters related to State assistance under §970-r of the General Municipal Law for the Project. The representative is also authorized to: sign and submit the application; execute the contract; request payment advances and reimbursements; redistribute contract reimbursements as appropriate; submit Project documentation; and otherwise act for all applicants in all matters related to the Project and to State assistance; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Cortland County intends to complete a Pre-Planning: Area-wide Brownfield Identification and Preliminary Analysis within and throughout Cortland County to identify concentrations of known or suspected brownfields and underutilized properties for future specific planning efforts; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, if awarded the Brownfield Opportunity Grant, the County commits to (i) using the Grant funds to complete a Brownfield Opportunity Area project, and (ii) meeting the applicant's share of the total project cost using in-kind services as the local match.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Cornell Cooperative Extension Monthly Report
2. Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Report
3. Planning Department Monthly Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT