

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County

Capital Projects Committee Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2019

Present: - Sam Basile, Ted Farrar, Kathryn Franco, Diane Held, Bill Henry, Jessica Liang, Jack McGowan

1. Meeting called to order by Jack McGowan at 6:05 PM
2. Discussed possible sites of interest in Orchard Park and East Aurora. Some of the sites do not appear to meet our requirements because of existing buildings on site that are not suitable and would need to be removed, inadequate frontage, terrain, or woodlands that would need be cleared.
3. The committee will schedule a date in the next 1-2 weeks to visit three sites on Orchard Park.
4. The committee continues to seek a site that meets most or all of the following criteria:
 - At least 10 acres
 - Suitable farmland for test gardens and other agriculture-related uses – soil type, drainage, topography, excessive clearing not required
 - Appropriate zoning or ability to obtain variances
 - Location in central or south/central Erie County
 - Preferably on a road that is easily accessible to staff and clients. Accessibility by public transit is desirable but may not be feasible.
 - Access to utilities
 - Reasonable price

The committee has reviewed information about more than 45 properties and has visited several sites. None have sufficiently met enough of our criteria, but we continue to identify and evaluate additional candidate sites.

5. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jack McGowan