

## February 9, 2015 LaFayette Town Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on February 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the LaFayette Commons Office Building at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette.

Present: William McConnell Supervisor  
Andrew Ohstrom, Councilor  
Steve Zajac, Councilor  
Doug Daniel, Councilor  
Melanie Palmer, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Jacqueline G. Roorda, Town Clerk  
Kristin Colburn, Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Kevin Gilligan, Town Attorney  
Thomas Chartrand, Budget Officer  
Ralph Lamson, Building & Code Officer  
Mark Chambers, C&S Companies  
Casi & Andy Hazeltine

1. Supervisor McConnell introduced Casi Haseltine and his father, Andy and announced that Casi will be acting as Supervisor and he will be calling the meeting to order. At 6:30 p.m., Casi used the gavel and called the Town Board Meeting to order.
2. Pledge to our U.S. Flag was led by Casi Hazeltine and his father, Andy.
3. Supervisor McConnell and the Town Board presented Casi with the following proclamation;

### ***PROCLAMATION***

Town of LaFayette  
January 12, 2015

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Town of LaFayette Town Board pauses to recognize and honor one of its citizens for some accomplishment, significant moment or acclaim that they have brought to our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board considers proclamations to be of considerable importance and reserves them for truly exceptional occasions; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town that Ocasio (Casi) Hazeltine, a five year old preschooler has brought great joy to his parents, his sisters Logan and Sophie, his neighbors and our community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Casi has touched the hearts of friends, strangers and just about everyone he has met; and

WHEREAS, at his young age, Casi's never ending spirit serves as an inspiration to us all; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to recognize and honor Casi for his wonderful example, the joy he brings to his family, the Town and everyone he meets and the shining example of love that he has given us.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette hereby designates and names Ocasio Hazeltine as the HONORARY SUPERVISOR of the Town of LaFayette and further designates Monday, January 12, 2015 as

**Ocasio "Casi" Hazeltine Day**

in the Town of Lafayette; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that this proclamation be entered into the minutes of the Town Board so that all persons henceforth will know that Casi was so honored on this day.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD:**

Jacqueline G. Roorda, Town Clerk

The Supervisor, Town Board Members and all attending gave Casi a round of applause, wished him good luck in his battle with cancer and thanked him for serving as Supervisor of the Meeting.

- 4. The Town Clerk, Jackie Roorda took the Roll. All present.
- 5. Organizational Meeting and Town Board Minutes of January 12th, 2015.

**Councilor Daniel moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion to accept the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Organizational and Regular meeting minutes as submitted by Town Clerk Jackie Roorda. Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

- 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - A. Byrne Dairy continued to the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Scheduled Town Board meeting.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that at the request of Sonbyrne Sales, Inc. (Byrne Dairy) there has been introduced by the Town of LaFayette Town Board, on December 9, 2013, a proposed Ordinance to amend Article I, Section "C" of the 1970 Zoning Ordinance of the Town of LaFayette and to Amend the Town of LaFayette Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification of the following Specified Property: 7.0

± acres of land at the northwest corner of US Interstate Rte. 81 and NYS Rte. 20 (Portion of Tax Map No. 020.-06-01.2) in the Town of LaFayette, west of and adjacent to existing McDonald's Restaurant, from Hamlet (H) to Commercial Planned District (CPD). The full text of said Ordinance is on file at the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall located at 2577 Route 11, Town of LaFayette, New York for inspection by all interested persons during regular business hours.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that at its December 9, 2013 meeting, the Town Board determined that the NYSDEC, the NYSDOT and the Onondaga County Dept. of Health are involved agencies, that the Town Board will act as lead agency and that this is a Type I action for purposes of environmental review and the involved agencies have deferred to the Town of LaFayette Town Board to proceed as lead agency and on January 13, 2014, after due notice, the LaFayette Town Board held a public hearing to consider the referenced zone change, which public hearing was held open and continued through February 9th, 2015, at the applicant's request.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that the Town Board has confirmed that it will act as lead agency for this application and has determined that the Town Board will continue the public hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance Amendment at the LaFayette Town Hall located at 2577 Route 11, Town of LaFayette, New York on March 9, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested will be heard.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. LaFayette Senior Project – Cancer Walk.

Jerry Kelly, Sr. Class Advisor; Kaylee Skeval, Chloe Terrell and Kali Loughlin had requested the Town Board's Support for the Annual Walkathon to be held at 2:00PM on May 30th, at the LaFayette Community Day at Stafford Park. Their plan is to raise money to donate to the American Cancer Society and Golisano Children's Hospital. The past years have been very successful, raising funds and donating to both causes.

Due to poor weather conditions, they were unable to attend the meeting however, the Town Board gave the LaFayette Senior Girls Senior Project the Board's approval and commented that they are thankful for their efforts in this great cause.

**Councilor Ohstrom moved and Zajac seconded the motion approving the Town Board supporting the 2015 Annual Walkathon LaFayette Senior Project to be held on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

B. Haylor, Freyer & Coon Presentation/ Municipal Programs - Councilor Ohstrom advised that due to poor driving conditions, the representatives were unable to make this meeting and asked that this presentation be moved to the March agenda.

C. Jamesville-Dewitt Operation Graduation Committee Thank-You letter for the Town Boards support. The Board Members were given a copy of the letter thanking them for their continued support of the 2015 Rock N' Bowl after the Senior Ball event.

D. IT Proposal – Supervisor McConnell discussed the many problems with the internet connections in the Town Hall. Since our current system only has 10 internet connections available at one time with Time Warner Cable. Between the Court Clerks, Town Hall Employees, etc. Someone is constantly being booted off and therefore cannot do their work. Melanie Washo, IT Officer, has done a lot of investigating and has a proposal which not only would correct this problem, but also to plan for future developments within the Town Offices.

**Supervisor McConnell moved and Palmer seconded the motion authorizing IT Officer, Melanie Washo, to obtain a second quote for the purchase of Windows Foundation Server 2012 and the hardware, etc. necessary to correct the internet connection problems within the Town Hall, while planning for the anticipated future needs. After obtaining a second quote, the Board requests that she move forward with the lowest quote, not to exceed \$1,500.00. Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

E. Information Officer – Website Manager Proposal

**Supervisor McConnell moved and Zajac seconded the motion authorizing Information Officer, Sue Marzo, to take on the additional role of maintaining the LaFayette Website, Facebook and Twitter account. The salary for this additional task will be \$100.00 per month/\$1,200 per year, retroactive to January, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Steve Zajac  
Doug Daniel  
Melanie Palmer**

**Councilor  
Councilor  
Councilor**

**Voted  
Voted  
Voted**

**Yes  
Yes  
Yes**

7. SPECIAL REPORTS

8. REPORTS

A. Departmental

1. Town Supervisor

a. Budget Officer Tom Chartrand did a summary of the Supervisor's December 2014 End of the Year Monthly Report:

GENERAL FUND Spending was at 98% of budget and there were a large number of transfers to cover the authorized spending. Largest transfers A1620.2 Buildings flooring replacements \$6,800, A7110.2 Parks for the Walking trail paving \$35,000, Special Recreation Facilities A7180.4 Bath house renovation \$19,700, Revenues 182% of budget other than the Tower Mortgage tax was \$17,000 above budget. Fund balance recap at the bottom of the page shows the general fund with \$667,000 of fund balance of this we should keep a minimum of \$138,000 to reduce taxes in 2016. This leaves \$529,000 balance that should be addressed with a fund balance policy or appropriated into the 2015 budget if we are undertaking specific projects in 2015.

HIGHWAY FUND Spending was 108% of budget, part of this was the \$40,000 County Grant, \$11,437 CHIPS Program severity increase, and Snow & Ice removal severity. Revenue was 107% of budget. Fund balance recap at the bottom of the page indicates the available carry forward is down by \$32,000 from what was used to reduce the taxes in 2015 may want to look at setting aside some extra General Fund Balance to help stabilize the drop.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND this is ongoing for the New Garage \$2,096,486 left from the bond

SPECIAL DISTRICTS Water, Light and Drainage are all fine

LIBRARY FUND Spending was 97% of budget. Revenue was close to budget. Fund balance recap shows the unspent Equipment L7410.2 of \$13,500 can be appropriated back into the Library Budget for 2015 and still have a carry forward for 2016 of \$9,500

SPECIAL FIRE DISTRICT FUN Spending was 96% of budget LOSAP and Workers Comp. were under budget. Revenues came in very close to budget. Fund Balance shows an increase over this year of \$13,000

TRUST AND AGENCY The only note is the Jamesville Grove Accounts showing a deposit of \$7,502 and outstanding bills of \$3,223.49 leaving a balance of \$4,279

b. Tom briefly reviewed the Supervisor's January Monthly Report and recommended the listed Transfers of Appropriations. He also advised that an increase needs to be approved for the direct deposit administration to cover payroll.

GENERAL FUND				
To:	A1620.2	Buildings	Equipment	\$11,345.00
			TOTAL	\$11,345.00
				=====
From:	A599	Surplus	Insurance Recovery	\$11,345.00
			TOTAL	\$11,345.00
				=====
LIBRARY FUND				
To:	L7410.2	Library	Equipment	\$13,500.00
			TOTAL	\$13,500.00
				=====
From:	L599	Surplus	2014	\$13,500.00
			TOTAL	\$13,500.00
				=====

**Councilor Ohstrom moved and Palmer seconded the motion authorizing the transfer of funds as listed above. Motion carried 5-0.**

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<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Councilor Daniel moved and Zajac seconded the motion authorizing Budget Officer, Tom Chartrand as the Administrator and Supervisor McConnell as the second Administrator increasing the direct deposit ARCH Limit from \$12,000 to \$15,000 Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

c. Chartrand also advised that LaFayette Community Council would like to join Pompey Recreation with regard to swimming lessons at Cazenovia. Pompey pays the rent, Cazenovia supplies the Lifeguards and Instructors. The cost would be \$45.00 - \$50.00 per student. An IMA would need to be drawn up by the Attorney.

**Councilor Ohstrom moved and Zajac seconded the motion for LaFayette to enter into an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Pompey for 2015 swimming lessons not to exceed \$50.00 per student. Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

2. Highway

a. Supervisor McConnell reported that the Highway Crew is busy plowing snow and in light of the continued snow fall, he advised the Highway Superintendent not to worry about attending the meeting.

b. Attorney Gilligan advised that the Permissive Referendum is complete and that the time for the Estoppel will be done Saturday. After Saturday, Highway Superintendent Greeley may order the two new plow trucks.

c. Old Highway Garage Hazardous Materials Sampling & Testing - Mark Chambers of C&S Companies advised that the lead, asbestos, PCB testing samples have been sent and they are waiting for the results, which should be back later this week.

Supervisor McConnell requested that Mark Chambers give an idea of the cost remediation. Councilor Ohstrom asked Attorney Gilligan if a permissive referendum is necessary if we sell the old highway building. Gilligan advised that is would be necessary.

d. New highway garage project. Chambers reported that the weather has slowed construction slightly. The plumber and electrician are moving along despite the weather. He also advised that LaValle Fuel needs a signed contract and that Greeley would like to make some minor changes inside the building, they are looking at. Also, that on Thursday's meeting they will be discussing the completion date for the garage.

3. Assessor

4. Building, Zoning & Code Enforcement Ralph Lamson advised that he and Attorney Gilligan have been working on a Proposed Local Law to enact regulations regarding the abatement of unhealthy, hazardous and dangerous conditions due to accumulations of brush, grass, weeds on improved property within the Town. This will assist to enforce residents to keep grass mowed, bushes trimmed, etc. on their property. Attorney Gilligan will work on finalizing this Local Law.

5. Dog Control

6. Justice Court -

a. Monthly Report – Total amount of money turned over to the Town of LaFayette for the month of December;

Judge Perrin: \$21,989.50; 234 cases  
Judge Shute: \$13,244.00; 177 cases

b. Justice Court Record Review Audit.

**Councilor Ohstrom moved and Zajac seconded the motion accepting the December, 2014 Justice Court Audit of Justice Maureen A. Perrin and Justice Adrian Shute as presented by David Lamson. Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

7. Library – The Library Board of Trustees Minutes and Director’s Report were reviewed and no concerns were voiced.

8. Recreation-- written LCC Recreation report submitted by Rec Director Reinschmidt.

Basketball continues to go well for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> boys and girls and will end this Saturday. We started up the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> boys this past weekend.

Ski Program Skiing at Song is going great...definitely good ski weather this winter.

Adult Programs Hall walking is everyday 5-7pm at Grimshaw still.

Tabata, Yoga and Zumba are continuing twice/week with great turnout. The daytime/senior exercise is still using the VFW while the Community Center is closed.

Wrestling continues to go very well and they have been participating in matches at various area schools.

9. Parks and Recreation

10. Tax Collector

11. Town Clerk

a. The Town Clerk’s January, 2015 Monthly report was reviewed. Roorda advised that the 2014 Town Clerk record receipt books are available for the Town Board’s Audit in her office.

b. Surplus Items; 1 Brother Color Laser Printer, 2 emergency light battery packs, 7 keyboards, 1 mouse cord, 3 desk chairs.

**Councilor Ohstrom moved and Palmer seconded the motion naming 1 Brother Color Laser Printer, 2 emergency light battery packs, 7 keyboards, 1 mouse cord, 3 desk chairs as surplus and to remove them from the inventory list.**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

c. General Code – Roorda provided a Codification Project Outline and the Performance and Payment Schedule for the codification project that she recently received from General Code.

**B. Committees**

1. Agricultural Committee – Councilor Palmer and Attorney Gilligan advised that the Ag and Protection Plan is set and they have confirmed with Rich Cunningham of Thoma Development.

**TOWN OF LAFAYETTE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE WITH  
REGARD TO THE PROPOSED TOWN OF LAFAYETTE  
AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN**

The following resolution was moved by Councilor Palmer and seconded by Councilor Daniel:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of LaFayette Town Board (hereinafter LaFayette) has undertaken a lengthy study and consideration of agricultural uses within the Town and has formulated an “Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan” as a result thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, LaFayette, has determined that the New York State Agriculture and Markets and the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board are involved agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the LaFayette Town Board shall proceed as lead agency in the consideration of this plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a full environmental assessment form has been completed and circulated to the LaFayette Town Board for its consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the lead agency has reviewed the proposed plan in detail along with the environmental assessment form and has considered the potential impacts against the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Section 617.7(c) of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS**

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** that the adoption of the Town of LaFayette Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan will have no adverse environmental impacts and the Board hereby adopts a Negative Declaration for this action in accordance with the attached Notice of Negative Declaration; and it is further

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that additional reasons supporting this determination include:

1. Compared with the criteria in Section 617.7(c) and the potential impacts detailed in the Full Environmental Assessment Form the proposed action will not cause substantial adverse change or impacts in the community character, aesthetics, design, and natural features of the Town and the action will not result in any potential large impacts to:

- Land
- Water and water quality
- Air and air quality
- Plants and animals
- Agricultural Resources
- Aesthetic Resources

- Historic and Archeological Resources
- Open Space and Recreation
- Critical Environmental Areas
- Transportation
- Energy
- Noise and odor
- Public Health
- Growth and Character of the Community

2. Any construction, renovation, and/or development that may be referenced and recommended in the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan will be subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act to identify, address, and or mitigate any environmental impacts from such projects.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing order was duly put to a vote and, upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.  
14-12-7 (2/87) — 9c

**SEQR**

**617.21**  
**Appendix F**  
**State Environmental Quality Review**  
**NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
**Notice of Determination of Non-Significance**

Project Number:

Date: 2/9/15

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.  
**Name of Action:** Adoption of Town of LaFayette Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

**SEQR Status:** Type I    
Unlisted   
**Conditioned Negative Declaration:**  Yes   
 No

**Description of Action:** In order to address and halt the slow, steady loss of farmland in the Town of LaFayette, this plan identifies a number of actions that might be taken to preserve and protect the community's agricultural resources. The plan reinforces the large and important the economic, social and open space values of farmland. Location: (Include street address and name of the municipality/county. A location map of appropriate scale is also recommended.)

Throughout the Town of LaFayette, except industrial and business areas. Impacts well over 85% of the Town

SEQR Negative Declaration

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

(See 617.6(g) for requirements of this determination; see 617.6(h) for Conditioned Negative Declaration)

Conclusions Relied on to Support a Negative Declaration: The LaFayette Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan identifies a number of primary recommendations. These recommendations, and an evaluation of their impacts are detailed following:

**Recommendation 1:** Re-write of the Town's zoning law and sub-division regulations to diminish non-farm friendly components, creating residential districts to concentrate new development where appropriate, and preserve farmland.

Impact: The revised zoning laws will help to preserve open space and support appropriate agricultural uses, desirable actions that are supported in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. There will be no adverse environmental impacts related to updating the Town's zoning.

**Recommendation 2:** Adopt a Town Right-to-Farm Law

Impact: The law will support farmers' ability to continue to utilize generally accepted farming practices, and protect them from complaints related to accepted farming practices. The law will help sustain agriculture as a primary land use in the Town and will not have any adverse environmental impacts.

**Recommendation 3:** Pursue funding for a Purchase of Development Rights program

Impact: The Purchase of Development Rights will preserve farmland from conversion to other uses, helping to sustain agriculture as a primary land use in the Town. This will have a positive influence on the community and will not result in and adverse environmental impacts.

**Recommendation 4:** Consider a Transfer of Development Rights program in cooperation with Onondaga County

Impact: The Transfer of Development rights will preserve important farmland from conversion to other uses, and will help to steer new development to areas better suited to support such development. There will be no adverse environmental impacts related the establishment of a Transfer of Development Rights program.

**Recommendation 5:** Consider incorporating a Conservation Subdivision option in the Town’s Zoning Ordinance.

Impact: The adoption of Conservation Subdivision ordinances will support better land use in the community and preserve important farmland and other environmentally important land and features. The use of Conservation Subdivisions will not have an adverse environmental impact.

**Recommendation 6:** Continue to have a standing Agricultural Committee of the Town Government.

Impact: A standing Agricultural Committee will allow the Town to better address agriculture-related issues when they arise in the Town. The continuance of the committee will not create an adverse environmental impact.

**Recommendation 7:** Ensure that Town infrastructure remains suitable to support the changing needs of agricultural operations in the Town.

Impact: The provision of, and maintenance to, Town infrastructure, primarily including roads, bridges, and culverts, will aid in the continuation of agriculture as a primary land use in the Town. Any specific infrastructure improvement will likely be subject to SEQRA review. Therefore, this recommendation will not have an adverse environmental impact.

In summary, The Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan establishes policy and is not regulatory in nature. As a whole, the purpose of the Plan is to preserve farmland and support agriculture as a primary land use and economic driver in the community. The implementation of many of the above recommendations will require further local review and/or adoption before any action can be undertaken.

The plan is designed to preserve farmland and generally the status quo to keep farms in operation. It does not introduce new uses or projects, rather it maintains existing ones. The plan might discourage some residential development on existing farm parcels or land in farm areas. While it is true that this could have an adverse economic impact upon development interests, as a policy, the Town has determined that farm land should be preserved.

**If Conditioned Negative Declaration**, provide on attachment the specific mitigation measures imposed.

For Further Information:

Contact Person: Hon. William McConnell, Supervisor, Town of LaFayette

Address: 2577 Route 11, P. O. Box 193, LaFayette, NY 13084

Telephone Number: (315) 677-3674

**For Type I Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a Copy of this Notice Sent to:**

Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York  
12233-0001  
Appropriate Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Conservation  
Office of the Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be  
principally located  
Environmental Notice Bulletin

## **RESOLUTION**

### **TOWN OF LAFAYETTE TOWN BOARD**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

The following resolution was made by Councilor Ohstrom and seconded by Councilor Palmer.

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 the Town adopted a new Comprehensive Plan with respect to development within the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, that Plan identified the importance of agriculture to the Town's character, way of life and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the Town's attention that there has been an attrition to its farmland inventory as farm parcels are converted to residential or other use; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that up to 25% of existing farmland within the Town could be lost to development within the next 50 years if steps are not taken to protect and preserve our farmland, now; and

**WHEREAS**, in January of 2013 this Board appointed a steering committee to oversee the development of an Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan in the Town of LaFayette; and

**WHEREAS**, that committee met many times over the course of more than 14 months, sought public input, conducted a survey and held several public presentations; and

**WHEREAS**, a draft plan was presented to the Town Board and public hearing was held on June 9, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed plan has been submitted to both the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets and the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Board for their review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has completed a SEQR review process with respect to the Plan, rendering a Negative Declaration with respect thereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** that this Board hereby adopts the Town of LaFayette Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan dated October, 2014, prepared by Thoma Development Consultants.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing order was duly put to a vote and, upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

2. Community Development

a. Supervisor McConnell advised that the deadline for the Application for 2015 Community Development Funding Grant is March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. He is not optimistic of funds the Town will qualify for as there are substantial reductions in funding, therefore we will hold off until the end of February.

3. Emergency Response – (under Communications)

4. Employee Policies and Benefits – Councilor Ohstrom reported that he is investigating developing a partnership, hoping to have one agent for Health Insurance, Worker’s Comp and Property Casualty. This could be cost effective. He will get together with Kevin Gilligan and Tom Chartrand regarding this.

5. Environmental and Conservation Advisory Board

6. Highway

7. Physical Plant

a. Councilor Zajac advised that the contractor is working on the inside of the Community Center and will do the outside repairs when the weather allows him to get on the roof. He is still waiting to hear from National Grid as to a date to install the gas line.

**Councilor Zajac moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion to declare the Community Center fuel oil furnace and oil tank as surplus, after which they may be sold. Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

8. Recreation and Youth

9. Safety

10. School Liaisons

11. Service Awards

**Councilor Ohstrom moved and Daniel seconded the motion authorizing Supervisor McConnell to sign with Hilton & Powers, CPAS, P.C. for Length of Service Awards Program May, 2015 audit in the amount of \$3,500.00. Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
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12. SOTS and OCRRA Liaison

13. SPDES

14. LOSAP – Supervisor McConnell advised that he is waiting for the list from the LaFayette Fire Department.

9. LITIGATION & OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ACTIVE

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2015 Annual Planning Symposium – Onondaga County

**Supervisor McConnell moved and Palmer seconded the motion approving the registration payment for the members of the Zoning Board, Planning Board and the secretaries' attendance at the Annual Planning Symposium on March 5, 2015.**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

12. Suggestions for improvement and positive contributions.

13. Executive Session

14. Motion to audit and pay bills.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>6712-6765</b>	<b>\$290,432.76</b>
<b>Highway Fund</b>	<b>6767-6776</b>	<b>\$ 37,802.29</b>
<b>Special District</b>	<b>6778-6780</b>	<b>\$443,082.66</b>
<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b>6781</b>	<b>\$ 352.00</b>
<b>Cap. Development Fund</b>	<b>6782-6792</b>	<b>\$628,074.59</b>

**Councilman Ohstrom moved and Palmer seconded the motion to audit and pay the above listed bills.**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

15. Supervisor McConnell advised that he received a letter from a lawyer representing a resident, who recently went before the ZBA regarding a variance for a shed. There were a lot of unforeseen circumstances, which were very confusing in this matter. He asked the Board members support in waiving the developer's fee of \$160.00.

**Supervisor McConnell moved and Zajac seconded the motion to waive the Developer's Fee in the amount of \$160.00 for Richard Dausman.**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andrew Ohstrom</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Daniel</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

16. Motion to adjourn.

**Councilor Palmer moved McConnell and seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.**

The Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline G. Roorda  
Town Clerk