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Abstract

Brookhaven's Agricultural Advisory Board ordinance allows for the creation of an 11-member advisory board. The board, comprised of local residents from the agricultural community and community-based organizations interested in land preservation and agriculture, makes recommendations to the town board about the implementation of an Agricultural Use Agreement Program and the use of agricultural easements as land use planning and preservation tools.

Resource

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PREFACE

Chapter 85, ZONING

ARTICLE XXXV, Supplementary Provisions

§ 85-404. Agricultural Advisory Board. [Added 4-15-1997, effective 5-5-1997]

A. In recognition of the importance of agriculture to the local economy and as a land use which provides significant areas of the Town with a rural, rustic character and charm, we hereby establish an Agricultural Advisory Board to advise the Town on policy issues and programs affecting the viability and enhancement of agricultural industries within the Town.

B. The Agricultural Advisory Board shall be comprised of eleven (11) members, including residents of the Town from the various segments of agricultural community, and/or representatives from community based organizations with an interest in land preservation and agriculture. All members shall be appointed by the Town Board. The first six (6) members of the Agricultural Advisory Board shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; the next five (5) members of the first Agricultural Advisory Board shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for terms of two (2) years. The Town Board shall select from the members a Chairman and Vice-Chairman whose terms as Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall run concurrent with their term.

C. Board duties.

- (1) The Board shall, upon study and review, make recommendations to the Town Board and the Commissioner of Planning, Environment and Development with regard to establishing policy, the implementation of an Agricultural Use Agreement Program and/or the use of agricultural easements, as land use planning and preservation tools, and other programs designed to enhance and encourage the preservation and establishment of various agricultural industries within the Town.
- (2) The Board shall study and review Federal, State and County legislation affecting agriculturally related industries and advise the Town Board and the Commissioner its findings.
- (3) The Board shall serve as a conduit for communications between the various segments of the agricultural community and the Town Board.

D. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or item of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not impair nor invalidate the remainder hereof, but such adjudication shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or item directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

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