

RESOLUTION – JANUARY 11, 2010

Approving the Town of Brutus
Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

WHEREAS, The Town of Brutus received grant funds from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to prepare an Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, having received those funds the Town engaged in a two year process involving numerous local residents and farmers, and experts from NY Farmland Trust and Cayuga County Planning to develop said Plan; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the Plan was presented in August 2009, at which time copies were made available to the public, the Plan was placed on the Town's web site, and three public meetings were conducted to review and, where appropriate modify, the draft plan; and

WHEREAS, following this review process a final draft was presented to the Town Board on December 14, 2009 at which time the Town Board authorized the scheduling and advertising of a public hearing, caused the placement of the final draft of the Plan on the Town website, and initiated the SEQRA review process for the Plan; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Plan was conducted by the Town Board of the Town of Brutus on January 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2010 the Town Board of the Town of Brutus also concluded the SEQRA review process of the Plan and determined that the Plan will not have negative impacts on the environment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Brutus hereby approves the Town of Brutus Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Brutus, in accordance with the recommendations of the Plan, hereby establishes an Agricultural Advisory Committee to assist the Town Board and other local agencies implement the recommendations of the Plan and generally advise the Town Board and other local agencies on matters impacting local agriculture; and agrees to adopt at subsequent meetings such resolutions as may be necessary to establish the membership of the Agricultural Advisory Committee and facilitate its operations.