

T. of Holland Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
October 12, 2004

Mr. Parmentier went over the information that had previously been handed out or sent to the members regarding potential options to allow limited residential development outside of the sanitary district in Hollandtown. He also mentioned to the committee that they should take heavily into consideration the results of the visioning session regarding the top rated issues of the town when discussing and deciding how to handle the issue of about future residential development outside of the sanitary district. There was discussion and questions asked about the alternatives presented regarding allowing limited residential development. A lengthy discussion developed about Exclusive Agricultural zoning and the 35 acre minimum lot size required for properties zoned for that zoning classification in the Town. Members indicated that the Town was a farming community and the policies of the Town should be steered towards keeping the Town a farming community. The members indicated that they preferred the present zoning policies of the Town since they felt the policies were working and cited the fact that the issue that received the most weighted votes that came out of the visioning session was to retain the 35 acre minimum lot size requirement for new houses.

One of the members were concerned about farmers being able to sell some land when they get to retirement age. A couple of the farmers on the committee indicated that under the 35 acre policy, farmers could sell land but would need to sell 35 acres or more which they thought was fine. That way they indicated that there could be some sales but not too many that would cause existing farmers potential trouble from too many non-farmers locating in agricultural areas and complaining about farm operations.

It was a consensus of the members of the committee that the Town should continue with the existing policy of retaining the Exclusive Zoning in the Town with a minimum lot size of 35 acres and allow residential development outside of the sanitary district only on the existing properties that are presently zoned for Agriculture-Residential.

Mr. Parmentier mentioned that for the next meeting he will try to put together a draft land use chapter for the members to review prior to the meeting. The date of the meeting was changed to Tuesday, November 16.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Mike Parmentier, Recording Secretary