



Putnam County  
Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board  
841 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512

**Putnam County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board (AFPB)**

**Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 10:15 am – 11:15 am**

**Attendees:** Christine Nastasi, Fred Finger, Joni Lanza, Cassandra Roth, Nicole Scott, Dave Vickery

Ag Board Members: Christine Nastasi, ~~Barbara Barosa~~, ~~Erin Crowley~~, Fred Finger, ~~Ruby Koch Fienberg~~, Joni Lanza, ~~Trish McLoughlin~~, Cassandra Roth, ~~Elizabeth Ryder~~, Nicole Scott, Dave Vickery

Other: Brett Yarris – SWCD Vice-Chair

- Call to Order at 10:15 am
- Approved minutes from 10/29/25 meeting.
- Dave Vickery proposed drafting a letter of appreciation for former board chair, Jocelyn Apicello. Christine agreed to draft letter and will bring to December meeting for all board members to sign
- Ag Protection Board Budget
  - Christine has been successful in securing a \$5,000 budget allocation for the AFBP, an increase from the initially requested \$1,000. This funding will be used for conferences, training, and Town Day and 4-H Fair participation.
- Ag District Inclusion Criteria
  - Cassandra has created a new draft of the Ag District Inclusion Criteria and will email the draft to all board members for review and comment. Board members will have 1 week to review and comment.
  - Cassandra will share the final document with Heather Abissi before the December Physical Services Committee meeting.
- Board By-Laws
  - By-laws shared during last month's meeting were voted on and approved
  - Christine will email the newly adopted by-laws to all board members
- Other business

- Dave Vickery will be moving out of the county in 2026. Discussed if there will be any effect on the Ag District inclusion process for 2026. Cassandra will discuss with Heather Abissi and update the board at the next meeting.
- Adjourned at 10:59am

Next meeting: **Wednesday, December 17, 2025 @ 9:45 am**