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MEMO

TO: Supervisor Snyder and Town Board Members
FROM: Elizabeth Cassidy, Code Enforcement Officer
DATE: January 3, 2025

Attached is a copy of a couple of minor Town Code amendments that the Building Department would like to see added.

The Stop Work Order section 65-6 of our code does not address instances where work extends beyond the parameters of the issued permit or where an inspection has failed, and work continues. Our office is requesting two code additions so that in either of these instances we have the ability to issue a Stop Work Order and have contractors/property owners cease working until the issue is resolved.

Agricultural zoning permits, as defined in 116-85B, are issued for construction of farm buildings on certain properties. This type of permit does not require a building permit for specific farm structures but does allow the Town to regulate these structures with respect to some zoning criteria. The Town, through the Building Department, has historically only granted agricultural zoning permits for properties that have a proven agricultural land use as defined in NY Ag and Markets Law 25-AA either in an Agricultural District (as identified by Erie County) or on properties outside an Ag District that have an agricultural assessment. Our code does not specifically state which properties are eligible for agricultural zoning permits and since the majority of the Town is zoned agriculture, which is different from the County Agricultural Districts, we would like the Town code to reflect this requirement and avoid any confusion in the future.

I respectfully request the Town Board schedule a public hearing on the proposed changes.

Thank you,
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Building Department proposed Town Code amendments

Adding the following:

65-A(4) Any work not in conformity with the provisions of an application, plans, specifications, or required amendment to, of which a building permit was issued.

65-A(5) Any work in association with an approved building permit where construction continues past a failed or incomplete inspection.

116-85B(4) Agricultural zoning permits shall only be issued for properties with agricultural land use as defined in New York State Ag and Markets Law Article 25-AA, either in an Agricultural District or properties with an agricultural assessment.