

**MINUTES**  
**WOODLANDS HEARINGS BOARD**

**March 16, 2021**

A meeting was held via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. on the above date.

**Present**

Members Warden K. Marriott, Deputy Warden B. Hand, Councillor J. Rombouts, Chair, Committee A.M. Also present were S. Thiffeault, General Manager, Corporate Services, K. Melanson, Manager, Planning and Development Services, T. Payne, Woodlands Conservation Officer and T. Dewsbury, Secretary.

**Absent**

None.

**APPLICATIONS**

**Application W-001/21**

D-Line Farms Ltd. c/o Daniel Bryson  
West 1/2 Lot 25, Concession 1NER  
8519 Egremont Road  
Township of Warwick

The location of the trees that are the subject of this application is West 1/2 Lot 25, Concession 1 NER, 8519 Egremont Road, Township of Warwick. D-Line Farms Ltd., owner, has applied for an exemption from the provisions of By-Law 4 of 2012 of the County of Lambton, being a by-law to prohibit or regulate the destruction or injuring of trees in respect to a woodlot which is located on the property noted above.

The applicant has requested an exemption to remove 3 hectares (7.5 acres) of woodland.

Present was Daniel Bryson, applicant.

K. Marriott introduced the application and asked the applicant if he had any comments.

D. Bryson explained his application. He understands the in-lieu fee requirement and indicated he is willing to pay this fee. There are very little trees of use in the woodlot due to previous cutting for firewood purposes, very little wildlife present and noted the woodlot is not connected to a wildlife corridor link. He has livestock and would like to be able to crop this land in order to provide feed.

K. Marriott asked T. Payne to present his report.

K. Marriott noted there was correspondence received from P. VanKessel.

The Woodlands Hearings Board unanimously approved the following recommendation:

- a) That Woodlot Application W-001-21 for the clearing of the 7.5 acres of woodland as set out in the application be approved.
- b) That compensation in the amount of \$22,500.00 be paid to the County of Lambton, which is equivalent to \$3,000.00 per acre. This is consistent with the goal of no net loss forest cover and the compensation policy.

Application W-001/21

Francis Leyten Farms Ltd., c/o Francis Leyten  
Northwest 1/4 Lot 14, Concession 14  
7525 Churchill Line  
Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston

The location of the trees that are the subject of this application is Northwest 1/4 Lot 14, Concession 14, 7525 Churchill Line, Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston. Francis Leyten Farms Ltd., owner, has applied for an exemption from the provisions of By-Law 4 of 2012 of the County of Lambton, being a by-law to prohibit or regulate the destruction or injuring of trees in respect to a woodlot which is located on the property noted above.

The applicant has requested an exemption to remove 3.4 hectares (8.5 acres) of woodland.

Present was Francis Leyten, applicant.

K. Marriott introduced the application and asked the applicant if he had any comments.

F. Leyten would like to make a change in his application. He has spoken with S. Shaw, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and would like to create a larger headland. He has 3 acres of fragile land that he can replant which would reduce the total acreage removal request.

The Woodlands Hearings Board adjourned the application pending a revision.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Time: 9:34 a.m.