

MINUTES
WOODLANDS HEARINGS BOARD

April 20, 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

Amended Application W-002/21 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 submitted an amended application in order to request an exemption to remove 0.91 hectares (2.25 acres) of woodland.

Present was Francis Leyten, applicant.

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

F. Leyten indicated this application will allow him to clear a right-of-way between the woodlot and hydro towers in order to farm more efficiently. He is willing to replant 1.2 hectares (3.0 acres) on another area of fragile land on this property.

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

The Woodlands Hearings Board unanimously approved the following recommendation:

- a) That the amended Woodlot Application W-002-21 for the clearing of the 2.25 acres of Woodland as set out in this supplemental report be approved.
- b) That compensation be made through the planting of 3.0 acres of trees on another farm owned by Mr. Leyten in the spring of 2022. A reforestation agreement will be entered into prior to the removal. This is consistent with the goal of no net less loss forest cover and the compensation policy.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Time: 9:07 a.m.