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November 2, 2012

Honorable Betty Jean Grant
Erie County Legislature
95 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Madame Chair:

Please accept this letter as a request for appointment to the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board as an agricultural businessperson.

Enclosed is information regarding my background and qualifications for serving on this important advisory group.

Please contact me at 716-481-2971 or via email, jasonengel@shamelmilling.com should you require additional information.

Very truly yours,

Robert Jason Engel

Cc: Terence McCracken
Brett Kreher, Chair, Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board
Thomas J. Dearing

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Jason Engel

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716-481-2971 (c)

Experience

Management at Shamel Milling Co., Inc.
January 2009 - Present

Marketing/Advertising, Human Resources, Management of Grain Handling/Mixing Facility, Sales, Website Creation and Management, Distribution of Products and General Labor.

Owner and Farmland Protection Project Manager at Cardinal Design
January 2009 - Present

Cardinal Design is a small land planning business located in East Concord, NY and specializing in many aspects of farmland protection and land management. Specifically, projects which may involve community agricultural planning, implementation of farmland protection projects, Purchase of Development Rights (PDR), writing Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG), conservation easement monitoring, and being a landowner advocate for easements and leasing of agricultural lands. The business is owned and operated by Jason Engel.

Mr. Engel's experience as a project manager and as an independent consultant for private landowners, local governments, land conservation organizations and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has provided him with opportunities to successfully guide clients through a number of successful PDR closings and several leasing opportunities.

From August 1995 until January 2009, Cardinal Design was primarily a small landscape design build company which focused on site planning, residential design, landscape installations and horticultural consultation. As the Owner, Mr. Engel managed and performed all aspects of this company which at one time employed up to 5 employees.

Senior Planning Draftsworker at Town of Amherst, NY Planning Department
August 1995 - January 2009

Special projects manager, assistant to the Town Landscape Architect, departmental geographic information system (GIS) support, grant writing/management, consultant management, natural resources identification, budget preparation, SEQR notifications, maintenance of official Town maps, landscape inspections.

Relevant Project Experience [August 95-January 2009]

- Management of Town of Amherst Farmland Protection (PDR) Program
- Creation and Management of Nature View Park Conservation Easement and Management Plan
- Creation and Management of Town of Amherst Deer Vehicle Accident Management Plan

Education

Ball State University

Degree: Bachelor's of Landscape Architecture
Minors: Urban Planning, History, 1990 - 1995

Alfred University

Majors: Environmental Studies, Communications, 1988 - 1990
Activities: Saxons Football 1989 Season

Committees and Boards

October 2012 – Present Erie County Cooperative Extension Board of Directors

January 2012 – Present, Ad Hoc Participant of the Erie County Ag and Farmland Protection Committee

November 2011 – Present, Springville Field and Stream Club, Board of Directors

December 2010 – Present, Springville Pop Warner Rail Trail project, Vice Chair

Honors and Awards

2010 New York State Nursery and Landscape Association - Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional of the Year Award

2009 Senior Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional Certification

2008 - Western New York State Nursery and Landscape Association Person of the Year Award.

2003 American Planning Association Upstate New York Chapter, Honorable Mention Award for Comprehensive Planning – Town of Amherst Deer Vehicle Accident Management Plan

1998 Conservationist of the Year - Niagara Frontier Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club – Town of Amherst Nature View Park

1997 New York State Nursery and Landscape Association - Certified Nursery Professional Certification

1988 Boy Scouts of America: Eagle Scout Award, US Navy Recognition Award, Sons of the American Revolution Award

Interests

Agriculture, Horticulture, Family, Hunting and Outdoor Activities.