

## EXECUTIVE ORDER # 2020.11

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has affected all types of small businesses including farms, and federal assistance is available to commercial farmers to maintain and increase their production and storage capacity; and

WHEREAS, there are farmers in Amherst that may seek to modify or increase production and storage capacity to meet the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town Code requires major site plan review for nonresidential developments greater than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area or for those with 750 square feet of gross floor area and within 250 feet of a residential lot boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Town's requirement for major site plan review requires Planning Board consideration which lengthens the time for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, minor site plan review does not require Planning Board consideration, yet undergoes the same level of review as major site plans and can be administratively approved by the Planning Director;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Executive Order dated June 20, 2020 excepts the requirement for major site plan review for additions to agricultural production and storage facilities on appropriately zoned land; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that improvements to agricultural business facilities on appropriately zoned land can undergo minor site plan review if they meet project criteria as determined by the Planning Director; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Executive Order will remain in effect until July 15, 2020.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the Town of Amherst, New York on this 20th day of June, 2020.

Brian J. Kulpa, Supervisor, Town of Amherst