



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., 2nd Floor Committee Room 213

May 23, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Andrew Wickham, Fred Lightfoote, William Namestnik, David Phillips, Christopher Vastola, and Mark Venuti.
Necessarily Absent: Supervisor Lou Guard.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: Chairman Marren, County Administrator Chris DeBolt, First Assistant County Attorney Lea Nacca, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Reporter Dave Shaw, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.
Via WebEx: Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Finance Director Mary Gates Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, and AJ Magnan.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Wickham.

MINUTES

Supervisor Venuti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meetings on May 2 & 12, 2022. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They are working on intermediate cover and prepping slopes for seeding
- They are doing lots of gas work that involves repairing and replacing the gas infrastructure
- They are continuing to run the big flare across from the transfer station. This is providing better vacuum and reduced surface emissions at the site
- They have installed a new treatment system in ponds 1A & 1B
- They are starting the annual pump house and line jetting
- In a few weeks they will start cleaning the leachate lagoon

Supervisor Venuti asked about the violation that was received on May 4th and if they have created a corrective action plan. Mr. Sanders noted

that the corrective action plan is currently being worked on and they are implementing some new best management practices so this doesn't happen again.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

◆ *Department Update*

Sustainability and Solid Waste Director, Carla Jordan, updated the committee that they believe that they will be a recipient of a \$74,000 DEC grant. This will help with funding a position within the department.

In the past few years the department has used audit funds in their budget mostly to focus on auditing air compliance. Ms. Jordan would like to use some of these funds to do more of a facility audit. This would provide for an agency to do a financial and general compliance audit of the facility. Supervisor Wickham noted that the Town of Seneca can also share with her the fiscal audit that they just completed on the facility. The committee agreed that they thought that it was a good idea for Ms. Jordan to do a facility audit and to start the process for this.

The paint care program is now in effect. There is currently not a lot of advertising about this, so they have been working with Causewave to do advertising. They will be using print and social media for this. The only place right now in the County to return paint to is Sherwin Williams. They have locations in Geneva, Canandaigua, and Victor. Then they shared the video that Causewave created and will be using to advertise the program. She also noted that they will be accepting paint again at household hazardous waste events.

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, talked about the upcoming events that they have scheduled. The electronic recycling day will be on June 11th and Cornell Cooperative Extension is handling the registration for that. They have closed the backyard composting program for this first round. They sold about 200 units in this round, and they are scheduled to be picked up June 4th-6th. Once these units are picked up they will reopen the program for an additional 300 units.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

◆ *Resolutions*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Participate in the New York State Clean Energy Community and Climate Smart Community Programs".

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the participation in NYS clean energy community and climate smart community programs. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried

Mr. Harvey let the committee know that this resolution is not about

agreeing with these programs. This is to allow us to score points for projects that the County has already completed when trying to get grant funding in the future for these clean energy and climate smart efforts. He also went over a few of the comment that he will be submitting regarding the draft scope plan that NYS has put out. These are due on June 8th. He then answered questions from committee.

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented the following two resolutions:

- No Cost Time Extension for Contract with Fisher Associates to Prepare the Manchester Yard Master Site Plan Development Strategy – Phase 1
- No Cost Time Extension for Contract with John G. Waite Associates, Architects PLLC to Prepare the Manchester Yard Master Redevelopment Strategy – Phase 2: Manchester Roundhouse Building Condition Report

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the two resolutions as presented as a block. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Resolution to Declare Lead Agency Status for 2022-2023 NYS Snowmobile Grant Application”.

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the declaration of lead agency status. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

- ♦ *Farm Worker Housing Safety Grant*

Cornell Cooperative Extension Director, Tim Davis, let the committee know six farms in the county are expressing interest in this program. They recently held a meeting with the county, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), and interested farms. It was decided that since municipalities or not for profits must apply for the grants, that it was best if the towns apply for the grants. Then the County contracted grant company can administrator the grants on behalf of the towns. They did reach out to the Office of Community Renewal with questions. One thing that OCR did let them know is that the towns are not allowed to contract with the County. This means that the towns would have to contract with the grant company themselves for the administration of the grants. CCE working with farms to move forward with getting their applications ready. They are still working on who will be submitting the application for these grants that are due on June 30th.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ♦ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- The Governor issued an Executive Order last week regarding

domestic terrorism. This includes Counties having to submit a comprehensive review of current strategies, policies, procedures, practices and develop a plan to identify domestic terrorism by 12/31

- The NYS budget directs counties and other agency to provide bonus to certain health care workers. They are still looking into the criteria and conditions of this
- Consolidated Funding Application's (CFA) are out and are due at the end of July
- The COVID state of emergency was extended through 6/14

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Phillips seconded by Supervisor Lightfoote, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board

Approved