



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

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

July 5, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Andrew Wickham, Fred Lightfoote, William Namestnik, David Phillips, and Mark Venuti.

Via WebEx: Lou Guard and Christopher Vastola

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: Chairman Marren, County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Deputy County Administrator Alissa Bub, County Attorney Holly Adams, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sr. Planners Julie Barry, Linda Phillips, and Maria Rudzinski, Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Economic Developer Ryan Davis, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Abigail Marion, Tourism Director Val Knoblauch, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Finance Director Mary Gates Associate, Sr. Planner Betsy Landre and Associate Planner Tim Jensen.

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 June 13, 2022. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ Update

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- Working on intermediate cover and seeding
- They should be done with all intermediate cover and slope vegetation in the next two weeks
- They are submitting plans to the DEC for the new vertical well drilling plan. This is for 27 new vertical wells
- Once the wells are installed, they will be evaluated to see if they need dewatering pumps. They currently have 93 dewatering pumps
- A 10 day recheck of surface emission showed 0 hits
- Both leachate lagoons were cleaned

- They will be starting the power pole relocation and header project soon

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

♦ *Resolution*

Sustainability and Solid Waste Director, Carla Jordan, presented a resolution entitled, “Granting of Permanent Easement to New York State Electric and Gas for Utility Pole Relocation”.

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the permanent easement to NYSEG for a pole relocation. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried

♦ *Regulatory Updates*

Ms. Jordan gave a Power Point presentation on the new carpet recycling bill and part 360 permitting changes. There is a comment period and then a public hearing will be held in August by the State.

♦ *Department Updates*

Sustainability and Solid Waste Director, Carla Jordan, updated the committee that the Ontario County/Casella scholarships will be given out and recognized at the next board meeting on July 14th.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

♦ *Resolutions*

Sr. Planner, Maria Rudzinski, presented a resolution entitled, “Finding of No Significant Impacts Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act 2022-2023 NYS Snowmobile Grant”.

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the permanent easement to NYSEG for a pole relocation. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried

Sr. Planner, Maria Rudzinski, presented a resolution entitled, “Designation of Lead Agency, Adoption of Findings and Negative Declaration of Significance for the Ontario County Lake Shore Parks Master Plan”.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the negative declaration and lead agency status for the Ontario County Lake Shore Parks Master Plan. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried

Sr. Planner, Betsy Landre, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorizing Contract with Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District for Erosion Control Structures – FLOWPA SFY 21-22”.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the contract with Ontario County Soil and Water. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried

Sr. Planner Linda Phillips presented the proposed response to the County Planning Board Ad Hoc Committee.

The committee agreed with the memo as presented but wants to keep the lines of communication open. You never know what is going to come up in the future. The Planning Department will send this memo to the ad hoc committee as prepared.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

◆ *Department Update*

Economic Developer, Ryan Davis, gave the following updates:

- They are continuing to work on the business retention and expansion program with Jim Armstrong. He has been attending these meetings with Jim
- The department attended a CFA coordination meeting, they are writing endorsement letters for local municipalities and businesses
- He is continuing to tour and meet business around the County
- They are working with business to get Cares Act funding out and help with their paperwork

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- Welcome again to Alissa the new County Administrator
- Met with Wendell regarding the County Wide energy system study. The proposals should be ready next cycle
- The housing study RFP is out, and the response deadline is tomorrow
- They are talking with School districts about them partnering with different County departments

TEAM AGENCIES

Cornell Cooperative Extension Director, Tim Davis, the farm housing application deadline has been extended by the NYS Office of Community Renewal. They are waiting to hear from the State if they will be invited to submit the applications that they have ready.

Soil and Water Director, Megan Webster, noted that an Ontario County farm has been nominated as a finalist for the State Environmental Agricultural Management Award.

Tourism Director, Val Knoblauch, let the committee know that they are always available for assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Phillips seconded by Supervisor Lightfoote, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board