



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:00 PM

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

September 25, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: BOS Chairman Todd Campbell, County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Deputy County Administrator Alissa Bub, County Attorney Holly Adams, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Economic Developer Ryan Davis, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Cornell Cooperative Extension Ag Economic Development Educator Jacob Maslyn, OC Soil & Water Director Megan Webster, OC Soil & Water Conservation District Technician Jennifer May, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, FL Visitors Connection Visitors Services Manager Jessica VanDeMar, Reporter David Shaw, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Voss.

Via WebEx: Public Health Director Kate Ott, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, and Abigail Marion.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Phillips.

MINUTES

Supervisor Venuti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting held on September 5, 2023. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TEAM AGENCIES

- ◆ *Cornell Cooperative Extension*

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director, Tim Davis, let the committee know that their annual meeting will be held on November 14th. He then introduced Jacob Maslyn. Mr. Maslyn talked about the home brewing workshop that just finished up. The workshop was held over four sessions. The sessions were held in the classroom, a malt house, a hop farm, and Peacemaker Brewing. There are only 6 malt houses in New York State and Ontario County is lucky to have one right here in Bloomfield.

- ♦ *Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District* Soil & Water Director, Megan Webster, introduced their new staff member Jen May, she then gave a brief overview of her work history. Ms. Webster then passed out and reviewed the tentative agenda for the Board tour that is set up for October 5th.

CASELLA

- ♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders provided the following updates:

- Construction is still ongoing
- Waste excavation is almost complete
- They are working on finishing up the liner
- They will be welding pipes prior to drilling the new vertical wells. This is an effort to make the process go smoother and quicker
- They will be also installing more horizontal wells along with the vertical wells

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

- ♦ *Department Update*

Sustainability & Solid Waste Director, Carla Jordan, let the committee know that during the all-day Ways and Means budget workshop it was recommended, that over the next three years, they transfer programs funded by Casella lease payments to being tax dollar funded.

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, presented to committee the following:

- They have created a why wait? Campaign for electronic recycling
- The tire recycling event held in Richmond collected 650 tires
- The household hazardous waste event held in Farmington had 596 household participate
- The last paper shredding event is full and there is a waiting list
- The October 14th electronic recycling event registration is now open

- ♦ *Approval*

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, presented a funding request from the Town of Farmington. They are asking for \$5,000 to host a mattress recycling event.

Supervisor Marren motioned to approve the funding requested from the Town of Farmington not to exceed \$5,000. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ♦ *Update*

Economic Developer, Ryan Davis, provided the following updates:

- The department continues to work with FLCC on workforce development initiatives.
 - Jim Armstrong and Todd Sloan had their first combined business retention & expansion (BR&E) visit at Finger Lakes Extrusion.
 - A meeting was held at FLCC with County Administration staff, Economic Development staff, FLCC, and Greater Rochester Enterprise (GRE) to discuss the marketing of FLCC programs.
- The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Finance Committee is considering a loan for Tech Farm 2 following a \$25K forgivable loan to establish a “Shovel Ready” plan for the entire property.
- The Industrial Development Agency welcomed Mark Prunoske to the Board. He has begun the onboarding process and looks forward to his first meeting.
- Both the EDC and IDA are looking forward to working with the Board of Supervisors as we all consider next steps and action items as a result of the Housing study.

TOURISM

♦ *Presentation*

Visitors Connection Visitors Services Manager, Jessica VanDeMar, gave a PowerPoint presentation on tradition paper marketing materials. She reviewed the items that they produce and how they are distributed across the State and into others.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

♦ *FEMA Flood Plain Maps*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, talked about the parcels that were removed and added to the FEMA flood plain maps. These changes added 2,090 parcel to the flood plain area. Staff is concerned that this is not being published to the public. They would like to advertise this change to County residents and where residents can go to see if their parcel will be impacted. FEMA will only have one public event. They are tentatively planning this for November.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

♦ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, provided the following update:

- Threat Assessment trainings have started
- The resolution to officially adopt the Housing Assessment report is going to the Board on October 5th for approval
- The 1st round of ARPA Community Grants will be awarded at the October 5th Board meeting

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Vastola seconded by Supervisor Marren, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin A. Voss, Clerk to the Board