



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., 2nd Floor Sessions Room 218

February 28, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Via WebEx: Supervisors Lou Guard and Christopher Vastola.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Assistant County Attorney's Lea Nacca and Art James, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sr. Planner Linda Phillips, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Casella Environmental Specialist Joshua Hamelin, Ontario County Farm Bureau Eric Amberg, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Chairman Marren, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Finance Director Mary Gates, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Stainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Outside Counsel Jeff Stravino, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director, Finger Lakes Visitors Connection Secretary Julie Maslyn, 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 meeting on February 7, 2022. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders introduced Josh Hamelin the new environmental specialist at the landfill.

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They are continuing gas work, making temporary to permanent connections
- They are seeing a steady decline in odor
- They had zero exceedance on the perimeter monitors last week
- More vertical and horizontal wells will be drill this spring
- They are still filling the temp cap area, but have received approval from the DEC to start filling the new cell
- They took a significant amount of water into the lagoons due to

snow melt and rain, this resulted in a NOV

- The NOV was received for shutting down the dewatering pumps and leachate risers
- They did this to save freeboard in the lagoons and not receive two NOV's
- They recently have lost some of the ability to get rid of the wastewater due to one site being closed, one site shutting down, and the other cutting the amount they could take there by 1/2.
- They are in the design process of installing a leachate tank at the site. Once it is complete, they will send it to DEC for approval
- They are seeing positive impacts of the large carbon vessel system that was installed in stormwater pond 1B to treat the water

Mr. Sanders answered a few questions from supervisors to clarify some of his updates.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

♦ *Resolution*

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Accept FY2019 Household Hazardous Waste State Assistance Program from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation".

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the acceptance of hazardous waste funding from NYS DEC. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

♦ *Collection Event Schedule*

The collection event schedule is almost complete. Ms. Sousa will have it ready to go out next week once she confirms one last date.

♦ *Department Update*

Ms. Jordan reported that the department welcomed Kaitlynn McCumiskey as the new Sustainability Assistant. She comes to the County from the Town of Canandaigua. Ms. Jordan let the committee know that Brain did reach out to her and the State before shutting down the pumps on Monday. He didn't reach the State until Tuesday because Monday as a Federal holiday. He is very good at communicating with her and the State while something is happening that they may be receiving an NOV for. The landfill has been shut down several times the past month due to high winds. She has an email group that she sends this information out to and will be updating it with more municipalities that would be impacted by any closures.

TOURISM

♦ *Resolutions*

Julie Maslyn from the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection presented the following three resolutions:

- ♦ Proclamation of March as Agriculture Month

- ◆ Reappointment to Ontario County Four Season Local Development Corporation - Darling
- ◆ Reappointment to Ontario County Four Season Local Development Corporation - Gilbride

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve these three resolutions as a block. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

◆ *Resolutions*

Sr. Fiscal Manager, Michael Wojcik, presented the following two resolutions:

- ◆ Authorizing Contract with Ontario County Industrial Development Agency for Public Benefit Economic Development Services
- ◆ Authorizing Contract with Ontario County Economic Development Corporation for Public Benefit Economic Development Services

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve these two resolutions as a block. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

◆ *Resolutions*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorize Contract with Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council for Culvert Materials – Parish Flat/Naples Creek Flood Resiliency Project”.

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the contract with Canandaigua Lakes Watershed as presented. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

- ◆ Appointment of Roslyn Grammar to Ontario County Planning Board
- ◆ Appointment of Jack Dailey as an Alternate Member of the Ontario County Planning Board

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the appointments to the County Planning Board as a block. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Harvey updated the committee on Planning department staffing. Code enforcement officer Bob Johnson retired on February 5th. Terry Saxby has moved into his position and they are currently holding interviews to fill the second code enforcement position. Maria Rudzinski has set her retirement date for July 6th. They are looking to hire someone in June to have a month overlap for training. They plan on

leaving the sr. planning aide position open for awhile to save money in the personnel budget. The participate date for the statewide broadband survey has been pushed back to encourage more participation. Right now, only 2% of county households have responded.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

◆ *Resolutions*

Supervisor Lightfoote presented a resolution entitled, “Opposing any decrease to the farm labor overtime threshold”.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the resolution opposing any decrease to the farm labor overtime threshold. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Eric Amberg, Ontario County Farm Bureau President, and Supervisor Lightfoote spoke in favor of this resolution. They both provided information from the farming communities regarding this resolution and if the State lowers the threshold from 60 to 40 how this will have a negative impact on the workers. The workers are opposed to the state changing this threshold as this will provide less working hours for them and less migrate work during the summer months.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- The Governor announced that the mask mandate in schools will be expiring on Wednesday
- The CDC is still recommending that masks be worn in regions that still have a high spread
- The County is supporting the schools in making individual decision in their schools. The schools are supporting student’s choice and making sure this is supported by all students.
- The County is encouraging all people to do personal risk assessments for themselves and family regarding wearing a mask. No one should be made to feel guilty about wearing or not wearing a mask.
- The IT department is watching, patching, and updating our computer systems continually with everything that is going on overseas

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Venuti seconded by Supervisor Phillips, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board