



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:00 PM

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

March 20, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: BOS Chairman Todd Campbell, County Attorney Holly Adams, County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Deputy County Administrator Alissa Bub, Economic Developer Ryan Davis, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Sr. Planner Linda Phillips, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Visitors Connection President Valarie Knoblauch, Visitors Connection Director of Operations Steve Laros, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, Reporter Dave Shaw, Abigail Marion, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe, Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Finance Director Mary Gates, Grants Coordinator Holly Smith, and AJ Magnan.

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 Vastola made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting held on February 27, 2023. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried. Supervisors Marren and Namestnik abstained from voting as they were necessarily absent from the February 27th meeting.

TEAM AGENCIES

- ♦ *Cornell Cooperative Extension*

Cornell Cooperative Extension Director, Tim Davis, let the committee know that their livestock specialist is focusing on avian influenza. There have been 13 cases in domestic flocks and hundreds of cases in wild birds. He explained how it is spread and symptoms. They had a great agricultural appreciation banquet at Club 86.

Soil and Water Director, Megan Webster, reported that they recently

♦ *Soil and Water*

held a soil health workshop that had around 100 attendees. They are now planning for summer in person meetings to do hands on workshops with farms. They have received \$610,000 in Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) funding to do road side stabilization programs in the Towns of Canadice and Bristol. The Hemlock Wholly treatment is still ongoing in Grimes Glen and Briggs gully. They are hoping to get more funding to be able to work with the Village of Naples to do an environmental benefits project at Grimes Glen.

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- Things have been going smoothly at the site and the site is holding up well with the precipitation
- They will be starting seeding/slope stabilization soon
- They are working on gas construction plans for the spring
- They hope to have the leachate storage tank assembled by the end of the week then they have to let it cure
- They are finalizing the details on cell construction
- They have relocated the power polls and are now waiting for the electrician to come out and complete the move

**SUSTAINABILITY AND
SOLID WASTE**

♦ *Resolution*

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, presented a resolution entitled, “Award of Contract to Brand Builders, LLC for the Implementation of a Backyard Composting Program”.

Supervisor Marren motioned to approve this resolution. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sustainability and Solid Waste Director, Carla Jordan, let the committee know that they would like to launch the backyard composting program during national composting week. This is the first week in May and they will be bringing a resolution soon to also recognize the week.

♦ *Department update*

Sustainability and Solid Waste Director, Carla Jordan, provided the following department updates:

- She gave a presentation to the City of Canandaigua’s Environmental Committee. She can do this for any municipal board that would like a presentation
- The State has released their draft Solid Waste Management Plan. This plan covers years 2023-2032
- The department will review the plan and come back to committee with comments. Comments on the plan are due back to the State on May 15th
- They will be utilizing billboards to bring awareness to the

Paint Care program

- The department will participate in a Paint Care webinar to get information on how the program has done over the past year
- She participated in a technical conference on recycling earlier this month. It was called the State of Recycling in the Northeast

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

♦ *Resolutions*

Economic Developer, Ryan Davis, presented the following resolutions:

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

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

♦ *Update*

Economic Developer, Ryan Davis, updated the committee on the following:

- On March 10th FLCC hosted the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Corporation meeting
- The IDA continues to go through the process for the fast NY grant funding for shovel ready assistance
- The EDC continues to be involved with all parties regarding the RealEats closure
- There will be a job fair this week for RealEats employees
- The annual report is done. It is waiting on approval from the Economic Development Corporation and Industrial Development Agency.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

♦ *Resolution*

Sr. Planner, Linda Phillips, presented the following resolution entitled, “Acceptance of Grant Funds – Updating of the Ontario County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan”.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve this resolution. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

♦ *Informational*

Sr. Planner, Linda Phillips, presented an overview of the 2022 Ontario County Planning Board Annual Report. They had 223 referrals in 2022. It was the first time that there were more area variance referrals than site plan referrals. They had three referrals that were sent back incomplete.

TOURISM

◆ *Update*

Visitors Connection President, Val Knoblauch, and Director of Operations, Steve Laros, presented the website <https://www.visitfingerlakes.com/virtual-museum/> this site has information about the “blue sign” grant (Virtual Museum Grant) and other items.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, provided the following updates:

- The AARP Community Grants Coordinator RFP is back, nine responses were received
- The RFP for the consultant for the Executive Order 18 plan is currently out
- The RFP for the Community liaison position went out today

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Venuti seconded by Supervisor Vastola, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board