



## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Committee Room 213

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May 2, 2022

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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

### OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisor Campbell, County Administrator Chris DeBolt, County Attorney Holly Adams, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Finance Director Mary Gates, Economic Development Specialist Sue Vary, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Sr. Planners Regina Sousa and Linda Phillips, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.  
Via WebEx: Chairman Marren, Supervisor Ingalsbe, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Sr. Planner Betsy Landre, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Diana Thorn, 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 Namestnik made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on April 11, 2022. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### CASELLA

#### ♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- Data is still trending positively with no exceedances at the site
- They are still making gas infrastructure improvements
- They are installing more dewatering pumps
- They will be doing a powerline relocation to construct a new entrance road
- They will be replacing a header going to the gas plant
- They are deciding how many more vertical wells will be installed this year
- They are working on cover and will begin seeding roughly 35+ acres
- They are back to taking in a consist amounts of volume a day

with good traffic control

- They have hired some temporary staff to help clean up the litter around the site from winter

Supervisor Wickham asked which flare is running. Mr. Sanders let the committee know that it is the flare on the southeast side across from the transfer station.

## **SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE**

### ♦ *Resolution*

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, presented a resolution entitled, “Award of Contract to MSW Consultants for a County-Wide Waste Characterization Study”.

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the contract with MSW Consultants. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### ♦ *Department Update*

Ms. Jordan let the committee know that they will be sending out a letter to all the haulers regarding an updated list of items that they can except and what should be recycled. Also, the changes coming to the Local Law will be in this letter. The household hazardous waste event was last weekend. 352 people registered and 312 showed up to the event. This month the Paint Care program went into effect and they are updating their website to show where people can take their paint. They are also looking to allow latex paint to be brought to the fall household hazardous waste event. The backyard composting program also kicked off this month and will run through the 27<sup>th</sup>. A residential tire event will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> in the Town of Seneca. The department received a request from the DEC regarding the climate leadership community protection act. They are looking into how this may or may not impact landfill permitting in the future. The letter is asking for information regarding landfill operations. She will report back when she finds out more information about this request.

### ♦ *Approval*

Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey asked committee for their approval of a request for municipal assistance funding for the Town of Gorham. This is for an organics program that will run from June to October. Last year they did a similar program but want to expand it this year. They will have three collection points throughout the Town in addition to the Gorham transfer station. This funding will help cover the costs of the contract with Impact Earth, buckets, signage, and bags for the waste. This is an effort to keep organics out of the landfill.

The committee unanimously approved the funding for the Town of Gorham’s organics program.

## SOIL AND WATER

- ◆ *Resolution*

Ms. Diana Thorn presented a resolution entitled, “Appointment to the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District Board”.

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the appointment to the Soil and Water Board. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ *Resolution*

Economic Specialist, Sue Vary, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorization to Amend a Grant from the New York State Office of Community Renewal for CARES Act Block Grant Funding”.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the grant amendment for CARES Act block grant funding. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- ◆ *Resolutions*

Sr. Planner, Betsy Landre, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorize No-Cost Time Extension with Princeton Hydro, LLC to Complete Honeoye Lake Aeration System Engineering Study”.

Supervisor Vastola motioned to approve the no-cost time extension with Princeton Hydro, LLC. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried

Sr. Planner, Linda Phillips, presented a resolution entitled, “Appointment of Tammy Worden to the Ontario County Planning Board”.

Supervisor Philips motioned to approve the appointment of Tammy Worden to the Planning Board. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried

Sr. Planner, Linda Phillips, presented a no cost time extension for Professional Planning Services with the Town of Gorham.

- ◆ *Approval*

Supervisor Namestnik motioned to approve the no cost time extension with the Town of Gorham. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried

- ◆ *Ontario County Planning Board Ad Hoc Committee – Current and Long-Term Development Concerns*

Sr. Planner, Linda Phillips, talked about when this report was first presented to Committee last year. There are a few things that the County Planning Board would like. One is for there to be more communication between the Planning Board and the Board of Supervisors. She will be

sending out a letter soon to all Town Supervisors to make sure that they are communicating frequently with their Town representative. The Planning Board also wants the County to do a housing study. The County Administrator has started a committee to do this and get an RFP out. The third thing that the Planning Board would like is for the Board to set up their own funding for them to purchase development right, conservation rights easements, and conduct preservation activities. They also would like to see a County Comprehensive plan. Discussion ensued with the committee and it was decided that better communication between the Town Supervisors and the Town Planning Board Representatives is a good idea. The committee thought that doing the first part of a County Comprehensive plan may be useful, but a full plan wouldn't really be able to be implemented County wide as the County doesn't have any control over Town areas. Instead of a County Comprehensive plan the Municipalities and the County Planning Board would be better off getting together often and having conversations about how they can work together to accomplish items that would be best for the County. It was also discussed that the County could provide an hour or two of their required training to really facilitate communication, the roles of the County and the County Planning Board, and how they can work with each other to better things for the future.

- ◆ *Grants for Farm Worker Housing*

Cornell Cooperative Extension Director, Tim Davis, let the committee know that the NYS Office of Community Renewal is offering a CARES act block grant for upgrades and renovations of farm worker housing. Right now, there are about 6 or 7 farms throughout the county interested in this grant. They are working with these farms and the municipalities they are located in to help write and facilitate the grant applications for the farms that are looking to take advantage of this opportunity. The farms themselves can't apply the municipalities or a not for profit have to apply and then administer the funds to the farms. There was some discussion that there is an administration fee that can be paid out of the grant to administer the funds. The County works with a company that could handle this for the administration fee.

Supervisor Lightfoote recused himself from the discussion as he may apply for the grant.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- ◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt let the committee know that the Governmental Operations and Insurance committee and Way and Means committee on Wednesday will talk about the gas tax holiday/cap.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Supervisor Vastola seconded by Supervisor Venuti, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board

Approved