



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:00 PM

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

May 22, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Assistant County Attorney Joe Nacca, Finance Director Mary Gates, Economic Developer Ryan Davis, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sr. Planners Betsy Landre and Linda Phillips, Sr. Planning Aide Kyle Ritts, County Attorney Intern Madison Stonemetz, Visitors Connection President Valarie Knoblauch, Visitors Connection Partner Engagement and Visitor Services Manager Jessica VanDeMar, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Program Coordinator Amy Pyra, Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Resource Educator Sarah Wilhem, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, Soil and Water Water Resources Technician Katie Lafler, Reporter Dave Shaw, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Voss.
Via WebEx: Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, 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 Lightfoote made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting held on May 1, 2023. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TEAM AGENCIES

- ♦ *Cornell Cooperative Extension*

Mr. Davis talked about the damage to the grape vines. The last frost hit the grapes hard especially the chardonnay variety. He then introduced Sarah Wilhem and Amy Pyra that work on the 4-H program. Ms. Wilhem talked about how the 4-H youth development programs helps develop work force skills that they use as adults. Ms. Pyra talked about the four programs they offer. They are Young Farmers Program, Livestock Auction Program, Tractor Safety Program, and the Junior Superintendent Program.

♦ *Soil and Water*

Ms. Webster introduced Katie Lafler. Ms. Webster and Ms. Lafler talked about their erosion and settlement control program and projects. They also provided a training to the local Code Enforcement Officers on permitting requirements and the resources that they have to assist them. They provided the NYS erosion and settlement control four-hour course in April and will be holding another in November. They provide support for the Ontario Wayne Water Coalition and they will be doing a stormwater training for Highway Superintends and Code Enforcement Officers in the fall.

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They are preparing to begin construction
- They are starting to expand pond one
- They are waiting for the final electrical disconnect and hookup on the access road so they can shift the road over
- They should have a construction map at the next committee meeting
- They completed another surface emission drone scan and they are compiling the data. Preliminary results are looking phenomenal
- They had a good site visit from the EPA
- They are still waiting on the final gas plan, but they know they will have to re-drill some lines and continue tweaking the system as needed

**SUSTAINABILITY AND
SOLID WASTE**

♦ *Resolution*

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, asked the committee for a six-month no cost time extension with Re-TRAC Connect software that was approved with Resolution No. 458-2022.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve this six month no cost time extension. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

♦ *Department Update*

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, provided the following department updates:

- 440 residents attended the e-waste event last Saturday
- The next event is a mattress recycling event in the Town of Farmington on June 3rd
- Composting bin sales will open again soon with 83 people on the waitlist
- They will be holding an additional paper shredding event on Saturday, June 17th. Registration for this event opens next Monday

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

◆ *Department Update*

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

- The IDA and EDC received presentations on the interim housing study report
- The IDA sent representatives to the developer roundtable discussions as they talk more about changing their Uniformed Tax-Exempt Policy later this year
- Staff had further discussion about some of the programs and projects available to address housing
- They are looking for creative ways to address employee training as many businesses are off their original training schedules due to COVID
- The EDC has received multiple loan payoffs and they are looking at some short-term investment strategies to grow the funds while many other projects move through the pipeline
- The IDA has asked him to present the Airport Economic Impact Study at the next committee meeting to help Board understand the importance of the property to the entire County

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

◆ *Resolutions*

Sr. Planner, Betsy Landre, presented the following resolution entitled, “Authorizing Contract with Town of Canadice for Manpower – 2023 Honeoye Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management”.

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

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented the following resolution entitled, “Resolution to Declare Lead Agency Status for 2023-2024 NYS Snowmobile Grant Application”.

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

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented the following resolution entitled, “Finding of No Significant Impact Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act for Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land in Ontario County Consolidated Agricultural District Number One Pursuant to the 2022 Annual Agricultural Enrollment Period”.

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

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented the following resolution entitled, “Approval of the Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land in

Ontario County Consolidated Agricultural District Number One During the 2022 Annual Agricultural District Enrollment Period”.

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

Sr. Planner, Linda Phillips, presented the following resolution entitled, “Authorization to Extend the Contract with the Town of Richmond to Prepare a Town Comprehensive Plan”.

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

Sr. Planner, Linda Phillips, presented the following resolution entitled, “Appointment of Kevin Stahl to Ontario County Planning Board”.

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

Mr. Harvey noted that there is someone that would like to speak on the Pesticide Notification Law but they were unable to attend the meeting today. Chairman Phillips stated that at this time the committee is not acting on this item.

TOURISM

- ◆ *Presentation – Short-Term Rental Market*

Visitors Connection President, Val Knoblauch, provided information on the short-term rental market and how they get their data regarding this market.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, provided the following updates:

- The ARPA committee is developing the grant program guidelines
- They will be evaluating the responses to the RFQ for a consultant to help with planning of the future of the landfill post closure in 2028
- He discussed the implication of potential of asylum seekers coming from New York City

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Venuti seconded by Supervisor Namestnik, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

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