



## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 3325 Marvin Sands Drive, FLCC Carpenter Board Room

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June 13, 2022

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Via WebEx: Supervisors Lou Guard and Christopher Vastola.

Necessarily Absent: Supervisor William Namestnik.

### OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, County Attorney Holly Adams, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Finance Director Mary Gates, Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Economic Developer Ryan Davis, Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster, Economic Specialist Sue Vary, Sr. Planners Julie Barry and Betsy Landre, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, Reporter Dave Shaw, Abigail Marion, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Chairman Marren, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, 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 Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meetings on May 23, 2022. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### CASELLA

#### ♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- Several inspections have been completed recently
- They have completed the 1<sup>st</sup> round of gas and leachate upgrades, after 30 days they will check to see if they need to install dewatering pumps into any of these wells
- They have submitted a plan to the DEC for 27 new vertical wells that they want to install
- They have completed 5.53 acres of vegetation on the south slope above the temporary cap
- More contractors are coming in for cover improvements, once these are done over 40 acres will have had new cover placed

- They will start the upgrades to the current header that goes to the gas plant next week
- They will also be installing a new flare
- They have started leachate lagoon cleaning

Supervisor Wickham asked where the new flare will be located. Mr. Sanders noted that it will be located on site next to the current enclosed flare. Supervisor Wickham noted that the DEC report stated an exceptionally odorous load of sludge was taken in. He asked what the corrective action for that is? Mr. Sanders noted that he deactivated that haulers account. They were warned after a previous load that they wouldn't be allowed to dump there anymore if they came back with a similar odorous load that wasn't in compliance with their agreement.

## **SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE**

### ♦ *Department Update*

Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey presented the following event updates. For the e-waste event held this past weekend 547 people registered, 154 people were on the waitlist. 61 people were no shows, and 17 people not registered come the event. They filled 2 53-foot trailers and most of a box truck. Most of the items were CRT's. The compost container distribution was on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. They distributed 190 units and will have an additional 310 units for sale starting next week with a pickup date in August. The next event will be a tire event and registration starts next week for that.

Sustainability and Solid Waste Director, Carla Jordan, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding a high-level overview of the discussions that need to happen over the next few months regarding the landfill past 2028. This was part of the strategic plan that was passed by the Board last year. She reviewed the current and future disposal capacity of the current permitted landfills in the state of NY. In 2028 there won't be many landfills left with permitted space for us to take our waste too. She then discussed the annual waste and diversion rates. This has gone up from 9% in 2015 to 35% in 2021. Moving forward after 2028 it needs to be decided if the landfill will be closed and go into post closure monitoring, if the site will use the recycling center, or if the landfill continues with or without Town support. An RPF would need to be done if landfill operations were to continue. She also talked about the legislative impacts that are included in the Climate Leadership Community Protection Act, Proposed Amendments to Part 360 Services, and the Finger Lakes Community Preservation Act. She will talk with the committee next cycle about the proposed changes that are coming to the Part 360 series.

## **FINANCE**

### ◆ *Resolution*

Finance Director, Mary Gates, presented a resolution entitled, “Abolishment of Large Format Digital Conversion Project Designated Fund Balance Reserve and Approval of Transfer of Funds”.

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the abolishment of large format digital conversion project reserve. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

This reserve is being closed due to the printer already being purchased through budget funds and the reserve not being needed anymore. Funds will be transferred back to the general fund.

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

### ◆ *Resolution*

Sr. Planner, Betsy Landre, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorizing Contract with the Town of Canadice for Manpower – 2022 Honeoye Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management”.

Supervisor Vastola motioned to approve the contract with the Town of Canadice. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, introduce new hire Julie Barry.

### ◆ *Comments on NYS Climate Action Council Draft Scope Plan*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, talked about the comments that he has prepared to send to NYS regarding the climate action council draft scope plan. There are many concerns with trying to get everyone off fossils fuels in a short amount of time without appropriate infrastructure in place. He also talked about variable energy rates that need to be regulated and controlled. Supervisor Wickham asked Mr. Harvey to present this to the full Board at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

## **CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

### ◆ *Update*

Cornell Cooperative Extension Director, Tim Davis, let the committee know that they have renewed an agreement with FLCC for the teaching and research vineyard at Anthony Road winery. This provides for students to be able to learn hands on skills while educators are doing research. This year they will be looking at expanding varieties that are more disease resistant and require less pesticides.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### ◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- The IRS has increased the mileage reimbursement rate to 62.5 cents starting July 1<sup>st</sup>
- The housing RFP went out this week and is due back in July
- They are working with the Flex Tech Program for the energy audit. They are working on setting up a scoping meeting
- Alissa, the new Deputy County Administrator, will be starting

on July 5<sup>th</sup>

- Thank you for coming to the Carpenter Board room to see the technology that the room uses
- The City of Geneva has a new City Manager

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Supervisor Vastola seconded by Supervisor Lightfoote, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board

Approved