



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

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

July 25, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: Chairman Marren, County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Deputy County Administrator Alissa Bub, County Attorney Holly Adams, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Finance Director Mary Gates, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Economic Developer Ryan Davis, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Abigail Marion, AJ Magnan, Reporter Dave Shaw, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.
Via WebEx: Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders.

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 Vastola made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meetings on July 5, 2022. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ Update

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- Working on intermediate cover. They have about 45 acres complete
- They are still working on the top of landfill for stabilization and vegetation
- The header project has started
- Vertical well drilling will be starting soon
- Plans have been submitted to the DEC for a leachate tank installation

Supervisor Venuti asked about the inspection report. There have been odors detected and each time the response is the same. It states that gas work is ongoing and some of the odors are associated with removing

soils from the old cell to tie into the new cell. This releases odors when uncovering portions of the old cell. This will continue as the new cell is surrounded on three side by the old cell. Once they have filled far enough away from the old cell the odors will stop.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

- ◆ *Department update*

Casella’s contractor is requesting to work this weekend till 6:00 pm on Saturday and 7:00 am to 6:00 pm on Sunday. This would be only for construction activities for the header project. The Town of Seneca, County Administrator, and the Committee chair is okay with work being done during these hours. The committee also agreed that is was okay for them to do this work. Casella will now asked DEC for their approval.

- ◆ *Resolution*

Sustainability and Solid Waste Director, Carla Jordan, presented a resolution entitled, “Resolution to Contract for Web-Based Hauler Registration and Data Collection – Emerge Knowledge”.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the contract with Emerge Knowledge. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried

Committee let Ms. Jordan know that they would like to see quarterly reporting not annual reporting from the haulers.

- ◆ *Part 360 Comments*

Ms. Jordan let the committee know that the State has decided to extend the comment period for Part 360 comments to August 24th. She will bring comments next cycle for committee to review before sending them the State.

- ◆ *Mattress Recycling Discussion*

They are looking to hold a mattress recycling event. They would like to contract with a recycler out of Buffalo that has done events for some of the local municipalities. This would be grant funded and they are looking to hold it on September 24th at the landfill.

Supervisor Venuti said that this has been successful by the Town and City of Geneva. He suggested maybe coordinate with Towns and have mattresses dropped off to them and they bring them to the landfill.

- ◆ *Backyard Composting*

The backyard composting event is now closed. They didn’t sell out so they will open it back up in the fall.

TOURISM

- ◆ *Resolution*

A resolution entitled, “Designation Tourist Promotion Agency and Authorization New York State Tourism Grant Programs – Ontario County Four Season Local Development Corporation, dba Finger Lakes

Visitors Connection, Ontario County, NY” was presented to committee.

Supervisor Namestnik motioned to approve the Visitors Connection as our tourist promotion agency and authorize them to accept tourism grant programs. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

♦ *Resolutions*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Fixing Date and Notice for a Public Hearing for the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant for Farmworker Housing Application”.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the fixing date and notice for the farmworker housing grant application. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tom explained how they got from the Towns applying for the grants to the County now applying. Office of Community Renewal (OCR) wants the County not the Towns to be the applicator and managers of the grants, so they will be running the grants through a different program, but it will still be a CDBG grant.

Tim Davis noted that going through this different program it would give the farms two years vs. one year to complete the projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

♦ *Department Update*

Economic Developer, Ryan Davis, gave the following updates:

- They are continuing efforts to help close out their end of CARES Act projects. They are currently on pace to close everything out prior to the deadline. OCR has been slow at sending checks out to the small business
- The department continues to work on efforts to fill their pipeline
- His listening tour is expanding out to include more stakeholders
- In the coming weeks he will be meeting with educational partners to discuss talent recruitment/retention in the County

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

♦ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- Ryan is getting out and meeting with people and there is much improved communications between offices
- Priority services agreement discussions will be starting next month
- Health and Human Services committee approved awarding a contract for the RFP for housing assessment that was sent out
- Jeremy Marshall’s last day was July 16th. That department also

lost another staff member, so they are down to Lance.

TEAM AGENCIES

Cornell Cooperative Extension Director, Tim Davis, noted that the Ontario County officially starts tomorrow. This is a highlight for the local 4-H members. Today is the poultry science contest and a livestock auction will be held on Friday. This will be the first time a livestock auction has been held.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Venuti seconded by Supervisor Namestnik, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board

Approved