



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:00 PM

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

September 5, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors David Phillips, William Namestnik, Christopher Vastola, and Mark Venuti, who exited at 2:13. No action was taken after his exit.

Necessarily Absent: Supervisors Fred Lightfoote, John Marren, and Andrew Wickham.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: BOS Chairman Todd Campbell, Supervisor Daryl Marshall, County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Deputy County Administrator Alissa Bub, County Attorney Holly Adams, Economic Developer Ryan Davis, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Sr. Planner Linda Phillips, Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Visitors Connection Director of Operations Steve Laros, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Voss.

Via WebEx: Supervisor Wickham, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Sr. Planners Julie Barry and Betsy Landre, and Isaac Kwon and Chris Lankenau from Urban Partners.

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 Namestnik made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting held on August 14, 2023. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TEAM AGENCIES

- ◆ *Cornell Cooperative Extension*

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director, Tim Davis, reported that the State fair went well this year. He is pleased to announce that three out of the four livestock representatives going to Nationals are from Ontario County. The milk bar, this year, was run as a workforce development program. Jacob Maslyn from our CCE office helped coordinate and run the program. Laser scarecrow testing is still ongoing. It is working well in some fields and not in others. They have found the differences in the effectiveness is mostly due to the topography of the fields. Grape prices are up due to the late frost this spring. The Concords are up the most at 27%. Ontario County is lucky that their grapes didn't

get hit as hard as the surrounding Counties, so our grape production should be about the same as last year. CCE will also be hosting a homebrewing workshop this fall. The workshop will be held over four sessions.

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- Waste excavation will be completed in about 2 weeks
- They have placed about 45% of the liner on the cap
- They are working on relocating an internal road
- They are cleaning leachate ponds
- They are gearing up gas well construction
- They did place 700 feet of horizontal gas piping last week

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

♦ *Department Update*

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, presented the following:

- The second mattress collection event served 62 households collecting over 157 mattresses
- The tire recycling event at the Town of Gorham is this weekend
- The Town of Farmington will hold the next hazard household waste event on Saturday, September 16th

♦ *Presentation*

Sustainability Assistant, Kaitlynn McCumiskey, talked about different collection and recycling opportunities that are available outside of the large events. You can find out more information about these collection options at <https://ontariocountyrecycles.org/>.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

♦ *Resolutions*

Economic Developer, Ryan Davis, presented the following two resolutions:

- Appointment to the Ontario County Industrial Development Agency – Mark F. Prunoske
- Appointment to the Ontario County Local Development Corporation – Mark F. Prunoske

Supervisor Namestnik motioned to approve these two resolutions as a block. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Davis also noted that revolving loan fund requests have slowed down. This trends with what financial institutions are seeing. The department is continuing to work on strengthening their partnership with FLCC.

TOURISM

◆ *Presentation*

Visitors Connection Director of Operations, Steve Laros, talked about the total solar eclipse that will happen on April 8, 2024. The Visitors Connection is working on promoting various initiatives and collaborations to ensure a memorable experience for residents and visitors. They are working with local municipalities and emergency services to help come up with a comprehensive plan to manage the influx of visitors. They are still building a list of events and have ordered 7,000 glasses to distribute to the public. The OWWL library system has also ordered additional glasses. They are encouraging people to visit the website they created for the eclipse. The website is www.FingerLakesEclipse.com.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

◆ *FEMA Flood Plain Maps*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, reviewed the FEMA flood plain map updated timeline, and what municipalities will have to do once they receive their letter of determination next year. Mr. Harvey then reviewed some of the proposed changes in the County. Supervisor Marshall talked about the challenges the Town of Richmond is having with the new proposed map. They are proposing to raise the flood elevation up about 2.8 feet in the Town of Richmond. The Town has found that there is a lot of inaccurate data that was used to propose the new map. This is due to no elevations completed on the ground. The Town has hired a consultant to review their map and request FEMA review the accurate data they are providing for the Town of Richmond.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

◆ *Housing Needs Assessment Presentation*

Isaac Kwon and Chris Lankenau from Urban Partners reviewed their recommendations for future housing needs, goals, strategies, and proposed action steps.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Vastola seconded by Supervisor Namestnik, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.

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