



## 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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September 26, 2022

### MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Andrew Wickham, William Namestnik, Christopher Vastola, and Mark Venuti (left at 2:28pm).

Necessarily Absent: Supervisor Fred Lightfoote.

WebEx: Lou Guard – Non-Voting

### OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Deputy County Administrator Alissa Bub, Assistant County Attorney Nathan Thomas, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Economic Developer Ryan Davis, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Visitors Connection President Val Knoblauch, Reporter Dave Shaw, Terry Gronwall, and Abigail Marion, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: BOS Chairman Marren, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, and Outside Counsel Jeff Stravio.

### 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 September 6, 2022. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### CASELLA

#### ♦ Update

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They are focusing on the header project and vertical well drilling
- They are still waiting on materials, but starting tie-ins to the new header
- All the vertical wells are drilled, and they are starting to make connections to get them online
- They are bringing in another contractor to install dewatering pumps. This should take about a two-weeks to complete
- They will seed areas in the spring that lack vegetation
- The DEC has approved the leachate onsite storage plan, they

want to break ground on this project by November. There is a 16–20-week lead time on the tank. They hope to have the project finished by April

- The second leachate lagoon cleaning is finished
- They are still waiting on their new flare to arrive
- He will notify the committee and Supervisors in the area when tie-ins occur.

## **SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE**

### ♦ *Resolutions*

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorizing Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Canandaigua for Implementation of a Solid Waste Reduction Program”.

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the intermunicipal with the City of Canandaigua. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorization to Accept FY2020 Household Hazardous Waste State Assistance Program from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation”.

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the acceptance of grant funding from NYS DEC. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### ♦ *Department update*

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, submitted a grant to the DEC last year to fund ½ of her salary. The department is looking to apply for the same grant this year to fund the Sustainability Assistant salary.

Supervisors Phillips motioned to approve the department applying for a grant from the DEC. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sustainability Director, Carla Jordan, let the committee know that the update to local laws regarding solid waste has been sent to the County Attorney’s office for review. They should have the draft local law to bring to committee next cycle.

Ms. Jordan attended a conference last week with the DEC central office. They talked about the part 360 comments that they received. The 1000-foot set back was the most commented item. They will create a response summary to the comments sometime this winter and updates to part 360 will have an effective date sometime in the spring of next year.

The DEC also gave an update on the state of the state solid waste

management plan. This plan is in draft form and ready to be released by the end of 2022. Ms. Jordan will share some of the plans' content with committee next cycle.

Ms. Jordan brought to the committee a request made by the City of Geneva to put in a county wide straw ban. The City sent the same straw ban text that has gone to committee at the state level, but hasn't made it through. This ban wouldn't ban straws all together; it would have companies make people ask for a straw instead of having them out on the counter or given with all beverages. Also, if they provide compostable straws, they will have to have the means to compost those straws. There are three counties and NYC that have this type of straw ban. The County wouldn't have a way to enforce this as we don't have a big enough Public Health department. The department is looking to do an educational effort with businesses and restaurants with some best management practices. The committee agreed that doing educational efforts with businesses and restaurants would be better than putting a ban in place. Ms. Jordan will provide a response back to the City.

Ms. Jordan noted that they will have the waste stream characterization report next cycle. The fall household hazardous waste event was held in the Town of Bristol. They had over 600 people attend. The mattress recycling events held in Geneva and Canandaigua were also successful. They collected 122 mattresses in Geneva and 143 in Canandaigua.

Ms. Jordan let the committee know that they have received another municipal funding request from the Town of Victor. They are partnering with the school districts robotics club for an e-waste event and providing for battery collection at the transfer station. They are looking for \$5,000 in funding.

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the municipal funding request from the Town of Victor. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### ◆ *Department Update*

Economic Developer, Ryan Davis, gave the following updates:

- They have been notified that they are being offered a second round of CARES Act funding from OCR
- They are still working on closing out round one of the funding before the second round can be awarded

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

### ◆ *Resolution*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, "Appointment of Gabrielle Harris to the Ontario County Planning Board".

Supervisor Vastola motioned to approve the appointment of Gabrielle Harris. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

◆ *Presentation*

Sr. Planner, Betsy Landre, and Terry Gronwall, from the Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force gave a presentation to committee regarding the Honeoye Lake Aeration Design and Planning Project. Mr. Gronwall talked about harmful algae blooms (HABs), the causes, solutions, and showed photos. The cause and solution to HABs was also discussed. The DEC has suggested that an alum treatment and/or an aeration system be installed to treat Honeoye Lake to prevent HABs from forming. The DEC has decided to do an alum treatment pilot on Honeoye Lake. There will be a public information session regarding this on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. They are also recommending an aeration system be installed after the alum treatment. Ms. Landre provided background and estimated construction and operating cost information on this project.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, provided the following updates:

- He and Alissa recently attended the NYSAC conference in Buffalo. The next conference will be held in February
- The Community survey is still open
- The 9-1-1 task force survey is now closed
- New Veteran Services Agency director started today
- The Wendell energy study is moving along.
- We have many Covid test kits on hand if anyone is in need

**TEAM AGENCIES**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Director, Tim Davis, noted that grape prices look good for this year. The weather has been good allowing for the average prices in all varieties to be up from 2021. Fun on the Farm was a great success with almost 4,000 people attending.

Visitors Connection President, Val Knoblauch, brought the new 50 plus things to do in the finger lakes brochure to distribute.

**BOS CHAIR UPDATE**

BOS Chairman, Jack Marren, also attended the NYSAC conference last week. Some of the top sessions were on cyber security and responding to an active shooter and/or domestic terrorists. He will provide a two page update from the NYSAC conference at the next board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board