



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

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

September 27, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Kris Singer, Ted Bateman, David Phillips, Mark Venuti, and Drew Wickham.

Via WebEx: Supervisor Lou Guard

Supervisor Fred Lightfoote was declared necessarily absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Economic Development Specialist Sue Vary, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster.

Via WebEx: County Attorney Holly Adams, Finance Director Mary Gates, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Outside Counsel Jeff Stravino, Chairman Jack Marren, and Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chair Kris Singer.

MINUTES

Supervisor Andrew Wickham made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on September 7, 2021. Supervisor Ted Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- Construction is going well; all the clay will be placed currently, and the testing has been done on that and he is hoping, weather permitting, to start installing the final liner by Thursday this week.
- Cell capping: roughly 95% of the caps are done. They have one section to do some repairs behind the riser building 4, which is across from the transfer station entrance.
- All of the gas from the let down to the north has been installed and functioning.

- Everything from the north of the letdown has been vegetated as well as the protective measure straw blanket and coco blanket has been placed. They are working on the lower ditch of the east side this week. They should start to finish that last section of the cap later this week.
- They have another gas contractor mobilizing in tomorrow to help with the remaining well connections from the construction of the cap as well as operational filling.
- Roughly 70% of their well filled and is online and functioning, in two weeks top, they will be roughly 99% back online.
- They have seen odors kick up due to the tie in of the new cell located where the old Hall Rd was that went up the middle of the hill along the western side. They have little bits of measurable concentrations of gas coming out of that tie in.
- There is no way to install a horizontal on that particular section, so he is working with a consultant to work on a vertical well plan to install anywhere from 4-8 new vertical wells the intercept that seam and hopes to have it submitted to the state this week.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

- ♦ *Department Update*

Carla Jordan reported they had received the stormwater analytical results and got confirmation from NYS DEC that they have received and reviewed the analytical and agree that the results do not indicate any impact occurring to the storm water and the samples were below the multi sector general permit affluent requirements.

Ms. Jordan shared the following events:

October 8th – Paper shredding at the central transportation center

October 16th – E-waste at the Geneva bus garage

She reported the household hazardous waste number: 419 register; they had 44 no shows. She mentions it, because the E-Waste event is their most popular and almost always have people waitlisted. She has asked that this be communicated to the community, so people do not take a spot from someone who really wants to be getting rid of their material in a responsible way.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ♦ *Resolution*

Economic Specialist, Sue Vary, presented a resolution entitled, “Fixing Date and Notice for the Public Hearing – Pactiv, LLC – Community Development Block Grant” She said 2 years ago they applied for a CDBG grant from the Office of Community Renewal to the BOS for Pactiv. They got a \$450,000 grant as part of a \$6 million project to upgrade their manufacturing line. They were to create 30 jobs: 28 being low to moderate income. She was pleased to report they have created 49 jobs. They are ready to close out the grant and they need to hold a public hearing.

Supervisor Andrew Wickham motioned to approve the fixing date and notices for the public hearing for Pactiv, LLC. Supervisor Dave Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

◆ *Resolutions*

Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Appointment of Michael Crowley to the Ontario County Planning”

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to approve the appointment of Michael Crowley to the Ontario County Planning Board. Supervisor Ted Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SOIL AND WATER

No items were submitted for Soil and Water.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- They held their regional meeting; there is concern across the board with 285 COVID cases in Steuben County over the weekend; which is more than Monroe County.
- Seeing spread in the schools
- In discussions, the CDC has changed the guidelines that allows for a test out from quarantine; NYS does not.
- Public Health will be contracting out to do the pool surveillance testing for all the schools
- The school superintendents have a plan to roll out the rapid testing.
- Discussions are taking place; noting the state amended one of the PH grants that deals specifically with vaccines. Our portion was an additional \$12,000 that earmarked specifically for vaccine in formation. He noted that it doesn't make sense for every county to do its own messaging and communications so they would like to pool their effort.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

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Tim Davis gave the following updates:

- Information is going out to the towns on The Solar Workshop scheduled for October 26th. It will be a hybrid workshop.
- The Successful Farming for Beginners series will be starting in October. It will be a series of five workshops.

Chair Singer noted to Tom Harvey that she has gotten some feed back from a few supervisors on the Ad Hoc report. A couple of them were waiting for their planning boards to be able to have some input.

Mr. Harvey noted that the State Assembly, as well as the Senate has passed an identical measure, its assembly bill no. 4854 which is accessory dwelling units. Its adding a new Article 16 to the property law. Its basically going to mandate, if the Governor signs it, all

municipalities within 180 days of going into effect, they will have to amend their local zoning to allow their accessory dwelling units by right. The state will have a public hearing on October 13th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:56 PM, Supervisor Ted Bateman made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Dave Phillips, to go into executive session regarding discussion on the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, and to confer with counsel; motion carried.

At 2:13 PM, Supervisor Andrew Wickham made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Ted Bateman, to leave executive session; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Ted Bateman seconded by Supervisor David Phillips, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Diane R. Foster,
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Approved