



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

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

October 17, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Andrew Wickham, William Namestnik, Christopher Vastola, Dave Phillips, and Mark Venuti.

Necessarily Absent: Supervisors Lou Guard and Fred Lightfoote.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: BOS Chairman Marren, County Administrator Chris DeBolt, County Attorney Holly Adams, Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Economic Developer Ryan Davis, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sr. Planners Betsy Landre and Julie Barry, Economic Specialist Sue Vary, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Visitors Connection Director of Operations Steve Laros, Visitors Connection Operations Manager Julie Maslyn, Reporter Dave Shaw, and Abigail Marion, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Supervisor Daryl Marshall, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Grant Coordinator Holly Smith, AJ Magnan, and from Wendel Samuel Marotta, Keith Krug and Danielle Baco.

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 Venuti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on September 26, 2022. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ Update

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They have completed the first of four tie-ins to the new gas header that connects to the gas plant
- The second tie-in was pushed to tomorrow to allow for an additional valve and a jumper line to be installed
- The new flare should be arriving on October 28th
- The vertical well drilling has been completed
- A company has been hired and will be on site for about 20 days installing more air and forced main dewatering systems
- They will continue to place vegetation on the site and prepare

the site for winter

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

◆ *Department update*

Sustainability Director, Carla Jordan, let the committee know that they conducted a fall backyard composting event for the remainder of the composting units that were available. They are wrapping up their event season with an e-waste event and the pumpkin and organic material collections. She also noted that BP is looking to purchase the company that manages the gas to energy facility at the landfill.

◆ *Presentation*

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, presented the waste characterization study done by MSW Consultants. She talked about the samples that were taken and the composition of the samples. The samples show that organic food waste is the largest component of the samples and represents an opportunity for increased diversion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

◆ *Resolutions*

Economic Developer, Ryan Davis, presented a resolution entitled, “Fixing Date and Notice for the Public Hearing Z-Axis, Inc. – Community Development Block Grant”.

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the fixing date and notice for a public hearing for Z-Axis. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Economic Developer, Ryan Davis, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorization to Amend a Grant from the New York State Office of Community Renewal for Cares Act Block Grant Funding”.

Supervisor Vastola motioned to approve the amending of the Cares Act grant funding to receive more funds from New York State. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

◆ *Department Update*

Economic Developer, Ryan Davis, gave the following update:

- The Canandaigua airport has recently been classified as a regional airport. This is an upgrade from the classification as a local airport. This is due to the increased operations by the type of aircraft and the number of aircraft coming into the airport

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

◆ *Resolutions*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation – Glen Wilkes”.

Supervisor Namestnik motioned to approve the recognition and appreciation resolution for Glen Wilkes. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner, Betsy Landre, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorizing a Contract with Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council for Canandaigua Lake and Stream Monitoring – Year 9 – FLOWPA SFY21-22”.

Supervisor Vastola motioned to approve the contract with Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried. Supervisor Namestnik abstained from voting because he is on the Watershed Council Board.

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorization to Amend Contract with the Town of Richmond for Provision of Code Enforcement Technical Assistance”.

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the contract amendment with the Town of Richmond. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner, Julie Barry presented the following three resolutions:

- Ontario County Agriculture Enhancement Board Reappointment of Robert McCarthy
- Ontario County Agriculture Enhancement Board Reappointment of Jared Martin
- Approval of FY2022 Expenditure of Funds on a Project to Implement the Ontario County Agricultural Enhancement Plan

Supervisor Vastola motioned to approve the three agriculture Board resolutions as presented as a block. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorization to Contract for Ontario County Energy Efficiency Study”.

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the contract with Wendel for the Ontario County energy efficiency study. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

◆ *Discussion*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, talked with committee about the upcoming changes that will need to be done to our Local Law for enforcing the NYS building code. He will be bringing the draft of the updated Local Law next cycle. He is also looking into allowing the Board to name deputy code enforcement officers by resolutions, this will allow for more flexibility. Additionally he is looking into including

inspectors in the Local Law to help assistant municipalities with fire and safety inspections.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

♦ *Discussion*

Supervisor Daryl Marshall explained to committee that the Genesee Land Conservancy has informed the Town of Richmond that they are working on purchasing a large parcel of land (261 acres) with the intentions of transferring ownership of the land to the New York State DEC. Transfer of this land to the DEC would take the land off the tax roll. The Town Board is opposed to this transfer, as it would negatively impact the Town, County, and School Districts that receive tax revenue from the property. The Town Board is planning on adopting a resolution against this transfer of land at their Board meeting this week. The Town is also looking for the County to adopt a Resolution supporting the Town's decision and Resolution. After discussion with Supervisor Marshall and the Planning Director, it was determined that other property in the past has been conveyed to the DEC through a conservation easement which would keep the land on the tax roll. The committee was supportive of having the County Administrator draft a resolution stating that they support the Town of Richmond with having this land transferred to the DEC through a conservation easement, allowing the land to be kept on the tax roll. The County Administrator will draft a resolution and a special meeting will be called prior to the Board meeting for review and approval of the committee.

♦ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, provided the following updates:

- The employee picnic will be held on Friday
- They are working on executive order 18
- The 9-1-1 taskforce is reviewing documents and the survey results and will be reporting to the Board soon
- They had their kickoff meeting for the housing study, and they will have another community survey coming out for this study
- They will have a shared services panel meeting on December 22 to approve the shared services plan

TEAM AGENCIES

Cornell Cooperative Extension Director, Tim Davis, noted that they have filled their agriculture economic developer educator position. Jacob Maslyn has been hired for this position. The project that they are looking for him to work on first is to pull together a list of solar, renewable energy resources available through part of the extension and work with local or municipal partners. He is also looking at workforce development and diversity programming as well as farm transition planning. He invited everyone to the annual meeting being held on November 18th.

Soil and Water Director, Megan Webster, thanked the committee for their continued support with cover crops in the County. She encouraged

the Committee to please check out their new newsletter that was just sent out.

Visitors Connection Operations Manager, Julie Maslyn, introduced Mr. Steven Laros the new Director of Operations. He invited everyone to the Legacy awards tomorrow.

BOS CHAIR UPDATE

BOS Chairman, Jack Marren noted that he will be holding a Chairs meeting following the October 27th Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Vastola seconded by Supervisor Phillips, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board

Approved