



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

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

October 18, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Kris Singer, Ted Bateman, Fred Lightfoote, David Phillips, and Mark Venuti.

Via WebEx: Supervisor Drew Wickham.

Supervisor Lou Guard was declared necessarily absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Finance Director Mary Gates, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sr. Planner Betsy Landre, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Chairman Marren, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, County Attorney Holly Adams, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Sr. Planner Maria Rudzinski, Outside Counsel Jeff Stravino, and Canandaigua Lake Watershed Manager Kevin Olvany.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Kris Singer.

MINUTES

Supervisor Venuti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on September 27, 2021. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- Construction is going well
- All of the liner has been placed in the new cell
- They are hoping to place the drainage layer later this week
- The final cap is almost reseeding with the exception of one place where they needed to do a repair.
- The gas constructors are installing more infrastructure on the site

Ms. Jordan has had a couple of odor call recently. This is due to the new

cell now being connected to the old cell. She talked with the resident and explained to them why they are now smelling some odors again especially since there was no cell construction last year.

FINANCE

Ms. Gates reviewed what happened at the budget meeting for accounts under the review of the Planning and Environmental Quality committee. They added the second code enforcement officer position to the Planning Department, and they have now been provided a final occupancy tax number of \$1,042,528. These changes will be reflected in tentative the budget.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

◆ *Department Update*

Ms. Sousa reported that the tire recycling events are now complete and 21.2 tons of tires were collected this year. These events also come in under budget.

The E-waste collection event took place last Saturday even in not great weather. It had 394 people participate. She thanked Cornell Cooperative Extension for all their work in the weather that day.

The next events that are coming up are the pumpkin collection events. They are being held in the same three locations as last year on November 6th and November 13th.

TOURISM

◆ *Resolutions*

The Visitors Connection had four appointment resolutions:

- Reappointment to Ontario County Four Seasons Local Development Corporation
- Appointment to Ontario County Four Seasons Local Development Corporation – Darling
- Appointment to Ontario County Four Seasons Local Development Corporation – FitzGerald
- Appointment to Ontario County Four Seasons Local Development Corporation – Brahm-French

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the four appointment resolutions as presented as a block. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

◆ *Resolutions*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Appointment of Shawna Bonshak to the Ontario County Planning Board”

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the appointment of Shawna

Bonskah to the Ontario County Planning Board. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner, Maria Rudzinski, presented a resolution entitled, “Finding of no Significant Impacts Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act 2021-2022 NYS Snowmobile Grant”

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the negative declaration SEQR. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner, Betsy Landre, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorizing a Contract with Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council for Tannery Creek Streambank Stabilization Project”

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the contract with Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner, Betsy Landre, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorization to Extend New York State Grant – Contract #T00925GG” and requested a no cost time extension with Princeton Hydro’s.

Supervisor Ventui motioned to approve the extension of NYS grant – contract #T00925GG and the no cost time extension with Princeton Hydro’s as block. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Harvey provide an update on his department. Ms. Rudziski is finalizing her retirement date. This is expected to be at the end of January 2022. There is a valid list and the position has been canvased.

Mr. Saxby will be moving into Mr. Johnston’s position at the beginning on January. They are working on getting the second code enforcement officer position filled in the beginning of 2022.

Supervisors Phillips updated everyone on the Roundhouse and invited everyone to attend a public hearing that is being held on Thursday, October 21st.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, let the committee know that he has been approached by a State legislator asking him to submit formal testimony on the County’s position on redistricting as this would spilt Wayne, Seneca, and Ontario County’s into multiple Senate districts. He asked for committees’ opinion and asked if they would like him to

submit formal testimony on behalf of Ontario County. The committee agreed that splitting the three County's up into multiple districts would be detrimental and would oppose it. They directed Mr. DeBolt to send this information on to the State legislator.

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- The employee flu clinic is being held tomorrow
- 3 school districts have started symptomatic COVID testing
- The Quadrant contract is almost completed. They will be performing testing for non-vaccinated school employees and students that have been permitted to be tested.
- The schools are providing a testing to stay in school option to students that may have been exposed in the classroom
- COVID numbers are going up slightly to due testing in schools
- Vaccine clinic will continue to be held on Wednesdays

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

♦ *Update*

Mr. Davis gave the following updates:

- The ag specialist are saying that we are going to have a good harvest season
- Vegetables have done well depending on location
- Apples are large but soft because of the rain that we had this year. The varieties that make applesauce have been impact a lot by this has produced a low harvest
- Grapes have also been affected by the rain with bunch rot, but the wine producers are happy with the acid levels and flavor in the grapes.
- They are recruiting for a client resiliency position
- Beginning small farm series has been well attending and they are looking to continue this

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Harvey last committee meeting introduced legislation for accessory dwellings. The State held their public hearing on the 13th and we sent comments from Ontario County. After the public hearing concluded NYSAC believes the State will go back to the drawing board on this legislation.

CHAIR SINGER

Chair Singer asked if anyone else had any ad hoc committee comments. She will compile the comments and send them back to Ms. Phillips.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Venuti seconded by Supervisor Philips, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board