



PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Monday, November 27, 2023, Time: 1:00 PM
Committee Room, 2nd floor, 74 Ontario Street,
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Committee Members

David Phillips, Chair
Fred Lightfoote
Jack Marren
William Namestnik
Christopher Vastola
Mark Venuti
Andrew Wickham

1. Call To Order:

The Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 01:00 PM on November 27, 2023.

Members Present: Supervisor(s) Christopher Vastola, Jack Marren, William Namestnik, Mark Venuti.
Necessarily Absent: Supervisor(s) David Phillips, Frederick Lightfoote, Andrew Wickham.

Others present in addition to committee members:

- Todd Campbell, BOS Chair
- Chris DeBolt, County Administrator
- Alissa Bub, Deputy County Administrator
- Holly Adams, County Attorney
- Joe Nacca, Assistant County Attorney
- Michael Wojcik, Sr. Fiscal Manager
- Julie Barry, Sr. Planner
- Kyle Ritts, Planning Aide
- Brian Sanders, Casella General Manager
- Val Knoblauch, Visitors Connection President
- Jessica VanDeMar, Visitors Connection Visitors Services Manager
- Tim Jesen, Associate Planner, Via WebEx
- Kate Ott, Public Health Director
- AJ Magnan
- James Kennedy, Geneva City Supervisor
- Tom Harvey, Planning Director
- Ryan Davis, Economic Developer
- Carla Jordan, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director
- Regina Sousa, Sr. Planner
- Linda Phillips, Sr. Planner
- Megan Webster, Soil and Water Director
- Nancy Yacci, Supervisor Elect
- Dave Shaw, Reporter
- Holly Smith, Grant Coordinator, Via WebEx
- Betsy Lander, Sr. Planner, Via WebEx
- Thomas Lyon, Sr. Planner, Via WebEx
- Kaitlynn Mccumisky, Sustainability Assistant, Via WebEx

2. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023 Planning & Environmental Quality Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Christopher Vastola. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Jack Marren, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Namestnik. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

3. Team Agency Updates:

Ms. Webster let the committee know that they have started to receive notification of the grants they have been awarded. So far, they have been awarded 10 out of 11 grants they applied for, totaling just over two million dollars. They are anticipating a couple of busy years coming up with being awarded

these grants. They are going to be joining the newly created Eastern Finger Lakes Watershed Coalition of Districts with ten other districts east of the Genesee River. The State is also looking to create a Finger Lakes Commission. In January, she is hoping to give a presentation about their projects that were completed in 2023.

4. Casella Update:

Mr. Sanders reported the following on landfill operations:

- There was a veneer cap failure at the site. This was not a structural failure, it was a slippage of clean soil.
- No one was on the slope at the time of the failure.
- There were no impacts to the environment as a result of the cap failure.
- Some gas wells were damaged during the failure, but they were capped and will be fixed shortly.
- They made sure that storm water controls were in place, so there were no negative impacts from storm water.
- They have hired a new engineer to do testing as to why the cap failure happened.
- They received two odor complaints and after research they couldn't find the odors that were reported.
- They should have all the gas collection construction that was being completed prior to the cap failure completed next week.
- They are going to install new gas wells above the cap this week.

5. Sustainability & Solid Waste Management:

The Local Solid Waste Law is set to expire in 2024 and per committee approval, the department requested a two-year extension from the NYS DEC. They applied for this extension when they submitted the annual report. They have been working with the NYS DEC regarding the extension, and once they get the DEC the rest of the information they need, the DEC will issue the extension. Ms. Jordan noted that it was important that the conservation continues in 2024 as to how the County and Casella want to move forward with the landfill.

Regina Sousa, presented a Approval entitled, "Municipal Funding Request - Town of Victor".

Supervisor Christopher Vastola motioned to Approve the Approval as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Namestnik. The motion Passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Jack Marren, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Namestnik. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Regina Sousa, presented a Resolution entitled, "Resolution to Award RFP R23086 to Causewave Community Partners".

Supervisor Christopher Vastola motioned to Approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Mark Venuti. The motion Passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Jack Marren, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Namestnik. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

6. Economic Development:

Mr. Ryan Davis provided the following updates:

- The IDA has 3 business presentations scheduled for their meeting later today. They are for a long term rental hotel in the Town of Victor, senior housing in the Town of Victor, and a food production company in the former RealEats facility in the Town of Geneva.
- He gave a housing presentation in the Town of East Bloomfield on November 15th for "Grow Bloomfield". There were about 50 people in attendance.
- In 2024, he hopes to educate the Board and Committee of the economic development challenges facing the region and Ontario County.

7. Tourism:

Ms. Knobluach provided a handout regarding the first selection of signs for the virtual museum program. They will be sending out two RFP's for this program. The 1st RFP will be to gather a sign inventory. Ms. VanDeMar talked about the sign inventory process. The company doing the inventory will have to gather the sign details, categories, and verify the information. The second RFP is for an AR company to create QR codes to get the sign information and site data to the visitors.

8. Planning Department:

Julie Barry, presented a resolution entitled, "Acceptance of 2023-2024 New York State Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Grant-in-Aid Funds".

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Christopher Vastola. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Jack Marren, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Namestnik. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Julie Barry, presented a resolution entitled, "Approval of Beneficiary Agreement for Farmworker Safety and Housing Program".

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Namestnik. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Jack Marren, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Namestnik. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Thomas Lyon, requested a six-month no-cost time extension with Labella Associates for the Ontario County Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to approve this no-cost time extension. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Christopher Vastola. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Jack Marren, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Namestnik. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

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Thomas Harvey, presented a budget transfer for the CEO vehicle lease and CEO software.

Supervisor Christopher Vastola motioned to Approve these Budget Transfers, as presented, as a block. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Mark Venuti. The motion Passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Jack Marren, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Namestnik. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Linda Phillips, presented the following resolutions entitled:

- Re-Appointment of Paul Passavant to Ontario County Planning Board
- Re-Appointment of Frank Fessner to Ontario County Agricultural Enhancement Board

Supervisor William Namestnik motioned to approve these resolutions, as presented as a block. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Christopher Vastola. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Jack Marren, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Namestnik. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Mr. Harvey gave a brief overview of the ConnectAll slides that were presented at a conference he had just attended. This was regarding broadband availability and how to increase it in New York State.

9. County Administrator:

Mr. DeBolt reminded everyone that the next round of the ARPA grant applications are due December 1st.

10. Unfinished Business:

Confirm next meeting date and time: *December 7, 2023*

Adjournment:

On motion of Supervisor Mark Venuti, seconded by Supervisor Christopher Vastola, the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee meeting was adjourned at 02:27 PM.