



PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Monday, March 18, 2024, Time: 1:00 PM
74 Ontario Street, Committee Room 213, 2nd floor
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Committee Members

David Phillips, Chair
Daryl Marshall
William Namestnik
John Pruett
Christopher Vastola
Mark Venuti
Andrew Wickham

1. Call To Order:

The Planning & Environmental Quality Committee meeting was called to order at 01:00 PM on March 18, 2024.

Members Present: Supervisor(s) David Phillips, Daryl Marshall, William Namestnik, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, Andrew Wickham, via WebEx.

Others present in addition to committee members:

- Todd Campbell, BOS Chair
- Chris DeBolt, County Administrator
- Alissa Bub, Deputy County Administrator
- Holly Adams, County Attorney, via Webex
- Carla Jordan, Sustainability & Solid Waste Director
- Regina Sousa, Sr. Planner
- Kaitlynn McCumskey, Sustainability Assistant, via Webex
- Sue Vary, Economic Specialist
- Brian Sanders, Casella General Manager
- Tim Davis, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director
- Megan Webster, Soil & Water District Director
- Abigail Marion, Manchester Resident, via WebEx
- Doug McCord, Labella Associate, via WebEx
- Lyndsey Herbert, Labell Associate, via WebEx
- John Cowley, Town of Naples Supervisor
- Jack Marren, Town of Victor Supervisor
- Nancy Yacci, City of Canandaigua Supervisor, via WebEx
- James Kennedy, City of Geneva Supervisor, via WebEx
- Tom Harvey, Planning Director
- Julie Barry, Sr. Planner
- Linda Philips, Sr. Planner
- Thomas Lyon, Sr. Planner
- Kate Ott, Public Health Director
- Val Knoblauch, Visitors Connection President
- David Shaw, Reporter
- AJ Magnan, Bristol Resident, via WebEx
- Kate Powers, LaBella Associates, via WebEx

2. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024 Planning & Environmental Quality Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Christopher Vastola. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Daryl Marshall, William Namestnik, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

3. Team Agency Updates:

Tim Davis informed the committee that they have a meet your farmer event coming up on April 21st in collaboration with the NY kitchen. This event will include about 30 local producers. The CCE Board will be selecting a finalist to replace him soon and his last day will be March 28th.

Megan Webster provided the following updates from Soil & Water:

- Their soil health workshop was successful with about 125 participants.
- Staff just got back from annual training in Syracuse.
- They are hosting a Realtor workshop on April 11th.
- They will be hosting a NYSEC 4 hour Erosion & Sediment Control Training course on April 18th.
- Trees and shrubs from the spring sale will be distributed in April.
- They are partnering with Cornell roads for a Roadway & Roadside Drainage workshop.
- They will be doing another round of Hemlock Wholly Adelgid treatment in Grines Glen, using up grant funding from last year. They will also be doing an additional Silver Fly release.

4. Casella:

Brian Sanders presented the following updates on landfill operations:

- They have completed 5 horizontal gas wells in the new gas structure location and hope to have them hooked up by next week.
- They are 70-75% complete with repairs to the veneer failure area.

5. Sustainability & Solid Waste Management:

Carla Jordan started off by clarified some dates that were talked about at the site visit that some supervisor took last week. Ms. Jordan also reminded Supervisors that the department has a municipal funding budget of \$5,000 per municipality each year to help with recycling, education, and diverting efforts. The town of Gorham has used these funds in the past two years for a residential organic recycling program. The town diverted 3,000 lbs of organics the first year and 10,000 lbs the second year. The department will kick off their event season on April 12th with a paper shredding event and April 13th with a mattress recycling event.

6. Economic Development:

Sue Vary presented the following updates from the Economic Development Office:

- They continue to prepare for their year-end reporting for both the OCEDC and OCIDA. Once their annual report is approved by their Board it will be shared with the Committee.
- Highlights from the annual report are: The OCEDC approved a loan for Tech Farm 2, allowing for a new building to be constructed at the Geneva Campus, OCIDA approved a PILOT for Victor Senior Housing and Home Leasing Workforce Housing in the Town of Geneva, and several businesses took advantage of Round 2 of the Visit Ontario Safely grant program and the NYS Craft Beverage grant program.
- OCIDA voted to conduct a public hearing at their February meeting for a significant anaerobic digester project in the Town of Seneca.
- The office continues to work with FLCC, OC Workforce Development, and several local

partners on a training module for employees in the travel and tourism sector.

- Jim Armstrong and Ryan Davis have conducted their first two rounds of municipal visits and look forward to the next two rounds scheduled for April 3rd & 10th.

7. Tourism:

Val Knoblauch reviewed the information she provided in the committee packet. They have been working closing with Ryan Davis and FLCC on workforce development for the tourism industry. FLCC will be presenting regarding this partnership tomorrow at the Visitors Connection Board meeting. Ms. Knoblauch then talked about solar eclipse glasses and that they have about 2000 left. She also noted that the virtual museum project continues to move along.

8. Planning Department:

Doug McCord, Kate Powers, and Lyndsey Herbert from LaBella gave a brief presentation on the Ontario County Parks and Recreation Master Plan. They reviewed the following items: County Recreational Facilities Overview, Previous Plans & Benchmarking, Outreach Efforts, Overview of Inventory and Analysis, Mission Statement, and Goals. Supervisors are encouraged to send any questions or comments to the Planning Department.

Linda Phillips, presented the following resolutions entitled:

- Authorization to Adopt the Short Environmental Assessment Form for Agricultural District 1
- Authorization to Sign Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with NYS Department of Agricultural and Markets for SEQRA Review of Modifications to Consolidated Agricultural District No. 1

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to approve these resolutions, as presented, as a block. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Daryl Marshall. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Daryl Marshall, William Namestnik, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, Andrew Wickham. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Linda Phillips, presented the following resolutions entitled:

- Finding of No Significant Impact Pursuant to the State Environment Quality Review Act for Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land in Ontario county Consolidated Agricultural District No. 1 Pursuant to the 2023 Annual Agricultural Enrollment Period
- Approval of the Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land in Ontario County Consolidated Agricultural District No. 1 During the 2023 Annual Agricultural District Enrollment Period

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to approve these resolutions, as presented, as a block. The motion was seconded by Supervisor John Pruett. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Daryl Marshall, William Namestnik, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, Andrew Wickham. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

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Julie Barry let the committee know that the scope and budget for the Farmworker Safety and Housing Program has changed. One farm dropped out of the program, leaving a need for those funds associated with the farm that dropped out to be reallocated to the other farms still in the project.

Supervisor Daryl Marshall motioned to approve the scope change allowing for one of the farms to drop out of the program and budget amendment to reallocate funds associated with the farm that dropped out of the program to the remaining farms in the program. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Christopher Vastola. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Daryl Marshall, William Namestnik, John Pruet, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, Andrew Wickham. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

9. County Attorney

Holly Adams, presented a Resolution entitled, "A Resolution for the Fixing Date and Notice for the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 5 (Intro.) of 2024".

Supervisor John Pruet motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Daryl Marshall. The motion Passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Daryl Marshall, William Namestnik, John Pruet, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, Andrew Wickham. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

10. County Administrator:

Chris Debolt talked briefly about the NYS Pro-Housing Community Program that was started by the State last year. It is currently a voluntary program for local municipalities, but the Governor has put it in her executive budget this year to make it mandatory to have this designation in order to be eligible for certain funding. Julie Barry and Ryan Davis can help municipalities if anyone has any questions. He also, let the committee know that another round of ARPA grant funding will be brought to Ways & Means this cycle for six additional workforce development grants.

11. Next Meeting Date And Time:

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 1:00 PM. Room 204, 3019 County Complex Dr.

12. Execution Session

Supervisor Christopher Vastola motioned to enter executive session at 2:17 PM regarding POL§105 1) (f) - Discussions 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. Supervisor Mark Venuti seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to exit executive session at 2:41 PM. Supervisor Christopher Vastola seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13. Adjournment:

On motion of Supervisor William Namestnik, seconded by Supervisor Daryl Marshall, the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM.