



PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 15, 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

A. Call To Order:

The Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting was called to order at 01:00 PM on October 15, 2024.

Members Present: Supervisor(s) David Phillips, Daryl Marshall, William Namestnik, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, 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
- Ryan Davis, Economic Developer
- Sue Vary, Economic Development Specialist
- Sue Smith, Veteran Services Director
- Brian Sanders, Casella General Manager
- Jim Armstrong, Business Retention & Expansion Consultant
- Diana Thorn, Soil and Water Representative
- Alissa Bub, Deputy County Administrator, via Webex
- Michael Wojcik, Sr. Fiscal Manager
- Holly Smith, Grants Coordinator, via WebEx
- Stacy Schmitt, Buyer, via WebEx
- Nancy Yacci, City of Canandaigua Supervisor
- James Kennedy, City of Geneva Supervisor
- Jared Simpson, Town of Canandaigua Supervisor
- Peter Ingalsbe, Town of Farmington Supervisor, via WebEx
- Carla Jordan, Sustainability & Solid Waste Director
- Regina Sousa, Sr. Planner
- Sean Barry, IT Director
- Tim Jensen, Associate Planner
- Linda Phillips, Sr. Planner
- Mo Tibdall, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director
- Jessica VanDeMar, Visitors Connection Marketing Manager
- Dave Shaw, Reporter
- Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Sustainability Assistant, via WebEx

B. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor Andrew Wickham motioned to approve the draft minutes of the September 23, 2024 Planning and 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, Andrew Wickham. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

C. Team Agency Updates:

Mo Tidball reviewed six health, nutrition, & food safety programs they offer. They are the farmers market nutrition program, Ag in the classroom, SNAP-ed (regional), master food preserver, wild harvest table nutrition program, and Cornell dietetic intern program. She handed out wild venison meatball recipes from the wild harvest table nutrition program. The Cornell dietetic intern will be doing a survey to find out what type of nutrition information county residences would like more information on and how they would like to receive the information. She will share the results once she can analyze it.

Diana Thorn thanked everyone that attended and helped out on the Board of Supervisors tour on October 3rd. They received news that they were awarded over \$3 million in funding from the Climate Resilience Farming grant program. They will also be submitting four applications on October 28th for more funding for agricultural programs.

Diana Thorn, presented a resolution entitled, "Reappointment to the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District Board".

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to approve the resolution as presented. 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.

D. Casella:

Brian Sanders, Casella general manager, provided the following updates on landfill operations:

- Cell construction is progressing. Rain has slowed this process some, but they are getting back on schedule. They need about 20 more good days of weather to finish construction.
- They are about 80%-85% through sand placement.
- They detected some odors onsite and placed a new gas collection pipe in that location. They should have it connected to the gas system by the end of the week.
- The Ventury system is hooked up, and it should be fully functional this week.
- They are focusing on getting the vegetation completed.

E. Sustainability & Solid Waste Management:

Carla Jordan, presented a resolution entitled, "Resolution to Award RFP R24081 - 2024 Waste Characterization Study".

Supervisor Daryl Marshall motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Andrew Wickham. 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.

Carla Jordan provided the following department updates:

- They will be applying for the Municipal Waste Recycling & Reuse program grant from the NYS DEC again. This grant for the past few years has paid for half of a position in the department and half of their contract with Causewave for public outreach.
- They had their final sale of backyard composting units and distribution. They have approximately 75 left.
- The last e-waste event was held last weekend with 236 participants.

F. Economic Development:

Ryan Davis introduced Jim Armstrong to the committee. Jim is contracted by the Economic Development department to provide business retention and expansion services. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Davis reviewed the businesses and projects that they have been working on this year. Mr. Davis noted that the IDA has about 13 projects and the EDC has about 8 projects in various stages. On the workforce development side of things, Mr. Armstrong sets up follow-up meetings with the correct people to get companies what they need, such as advertising positions, grants, and training. Mr. Davis reported that they have requested 2 million in grant money through the NYS Vacant Rental Improvement Program (V-RIP). They should know by December if they will be awarded these funds. The department held two CFA grant workshops. He and Tom Harvey have held four municipal presentations regarding housing. Mr. Davis attended a meeting with the Supervisor Ingalsbe, NYSEG & RGE representatives, and Senator Helming regarding not being able to get gas infrastructure and service put in place by these two companies to housing units that are ready to be hooked up and be available for sale. Supervisor Marshall noted that the Public Service Commission is not approving any new gas additions or expansions due to the Governor's electric initiative to have a carbonless footprint. Electric services are also being held up since the infrastructure is not in place to support the major increase and strain on the electric grid. A solar project is on a two-year delay in Richmond due to three sub stations needing to be upgraded before the solar project can be started.

G. Tourism:

Jessica VanDeMar, presented a resolution entitled, "Reappointment to the Ontario County Four Seasons Local Development Corporation".

Supervisor Christopher Vastola motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Namestnik. 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.

Jessica VanDeMar also let the committee know that they will have their annual audit at the end of the month. At the last Board meeting of the Visitors Connection, Jessica VanDeMar was named as the 2025 matching funds program director. The virtual museum project is still moving along, and they just got in their new 50 must do visitors guide and a new meet and retreat marketing guide.

H. Planning Department

Julie Barry, presented the following three resolutions entitled:

- Approval of a No-Cost Time Extension of the Subrecipient Agreement with Rural Housing Opportunities Corporation for the Farmworker Safety and Housing Program
- Approval of a No-Cost Time Extension of Contract with G&G municipal Consulting and Grant Writing for the Farmworker Safety and Housing Program
- Approval of a No-Cost Time Extension of the Grant Agreement with Housing Trust Fund Corporation for the Farmworker Safety and Housing Program

Supervisor Andrew Wickham motioned to approve these three resolutions, as presented as a block. 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, Andrew Wickham. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Tim Jensen, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorizing a Contract with Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Transfer of Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance SFY2024-25 State Funding".

Supervisor Christopher Vastola motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Mark Venuti. 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 two resolutions entitled:

- Establish Lead Agency and Determination of Significance for the 2024 Ontario County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan
- Adoption of the Ontario County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to approve these two 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.

I. Board Of Supervisors

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, talked about the timeline to take a vote on the next steps and future of the landfill. The desire of the Board was to take a vote at the December 5th meeting to have the vote completed by the end of the year. Mr. DeBolt knows that there will be more conversations at this committee over the next couple of cycles. Staff is also getting more information for the committee about different alternatives to the landfill. After discussions, Supervisors Namestnik and Marshall feel they need more time to make a decision. Supervisor Pruett wants to see models of alternatives. Supervisor Venuti and Wickham reminded the committee that the Town of Seneca voted not to allow landfill operations in the Town past 2028. The Farm Bureau also voted to support stopping landfill operations post 2028. Chairman Phillips would like the committee and board members to give him an

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idea if they would like to have the landfill close or not close and to know what they think the next option(s) for the landfill should be. He is requesting that members email him with their answers to these questions. He will compile the results and report back to committee with the results.

J. County Administrator:

Committee went into executive session to discuss the reappointment recommendation of Carla Jordan.

K. Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business to be brought before the committee.

L. Executive Session:

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to enter executive session at 2:38 PM for 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 William Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Supervisor John Pruett motioned to exit executive session at 3:02 PM. Supervisor Andrew Wickham seconded the motion. The motion passed.

M. Next Meeting Date And Time:

November 4, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

N. Adjournment:

On a motion of Supervisor Mark Venuti, seconded by Supervisor William Namestnik, the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting was adjourned at 03:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin A. Voss, Clerk