

MINUTES

PLANNING & RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Fred Lightfoote, Chairman

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

4:00 PM

Conference Room 205

Municipal Building

Members Present

Chair – Supervisor F. Lightfoote
Vice Chair – Supervisor R. Green
Supervisor J. Gallahan
Supervisor D. Marshall
Supervisor N. Teed
Supervisor D. Vedora

Members Excused

Staff and Guests:

Jack Marren, Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Mary Krauss, County Administrator
Mary Gates, Deputy County Administrator
Tom Harvey, Planning
Reliefia Kramer, Planning
David Zorn, G/FLRPC
Michael Wojcik, Economic Development
Tim Davis, OC CCE
Amy Morrisey, OC CCE

TIME	TOPIC	NOTES & DISCUSSION
4:00 p.m.	Opening of Meeting Approval of Minutes	Chair Lightfoote opened the March 15, 2016 Planning and Research Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. Supervisor Teed was necessarily late. Chair Lightfoote requested a motion to approve the February 23, 2016 minutes. <i>A motion was offered by Supervisor Green, and was seconded by Supervisor Gallahan to approve the February 23, 2016 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.</i>
4:02	G/FLRPC	Chair Lightfoote welcomed David Zorn, Executive Director of Genesee/Finger Lakes Region Planning Council. Mr. Zorn told the committee that Chair Marren is the Chair of the G/FLRPC. Mr. Zorn distributed and gave a quick overview the G/FLRPC's mission with the committee. Mr. Zorn told the council that their core mission is to identify, define and inform member counties of issues and opportunities critical to the physical, economic and social health of the region. G/FLRPC provides forums for discussion, debate, and consensus building, and develops and implements a focused action plan with clearly defined outcomes, which include programs, personnel, and funding. Mr. Zorn further explained major accomplishments and recent programs, projects, and services provided to Ontario County 2014-2016. Chair Lightfoote thanked Mr. Zorn.

4:20	<p>Cornell Cooperative Extension</p>	<p>Chair Lightfoote welcomed Tim Davis and Amy Morrisey.</p> <p>Mr. Davis informed the committee that Friday, March 11, 2016 they had their annual agriculture appreciation banquet. Cooperative Extension partners with other agricultural organizations across the county to be able to celebrate and recognize everything that has been done here in Ontario County in agriculture. He said that it is very clear throughout the banquet that there is concern about the next leaders going into agriculture. When many people think about the county 4H program, the county fair comes to mind. You see our 4H members exhibiting rabbits, riding horses, or doing dairy. Mr. Davis introduced Amy Morrisey, our 4H Program Educator who will talk mostly about instructional effort through which 4H directly supports the development of the 4H members being ready to go into the ag workforce.</p> <p>Mr. Davis introduced Amy Morrisey, and Kendra Legters, a participant in the 4H Horse Program. Ms. Morrisey distributed brochures “Ontario County 4H Horse Program”, “Ontario County 4H Horse Bowl and Hippology Syllabus 2015-2016”, and a “NYS Horse Council Horse Industry Page,” copies of which are on file with the official minutes in the office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Morrisey thanked the committee for opportunity to explain what their dollars do for Ontario County youth. She said that the horse is a great tool to teach the youth life skills. Ms. Morrisey said that agriculture is the number one industry in New York State. Agriculture is number one industry in Ontario County with Dairy being the largest component, second being equine. She said that through the horse we prepare a workforce trained to interact with the equine.</p> <p>Ms. Legters spoke to the committee about her experiences in the 4-H Horse Program. She told the committee that she has been in the program for approximately five years and it has inspired her love for horses. She would like to have a career involving horses. In 2014 Ms. Legters went to Kentucky to participate in a national competition. The experience and education received from the 4H Program was invaluable in preparing her for the national competition.</p> <p>Chair Lightfoote thanked Mr. Davis, Ms. Morrisey, and Ms. Legters.</p>
4:27	<p>Economic Development</p>	<p>Mr. Manikowski informed the committee of Agricultural Career Days on April 25, 2016 through the Workforce Investment Board. They will have several hundred Ontario County students tour various ag and food careers starting with the Muller farm in Manchester.</p> <p>Mr. Manikowski discussed and requests approval of a resolution – Appointment to the Ontario County Local Development Corporation, Supervisor Jeffery Gallahan.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve the above mentioned resolution was made by Supervisor Vedora, seconded by Vice Chair Green. Supervisor Gallahan abstained from voting. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Mr. Manikowski discussed and requests approval of a resolution – Appointment to the Ontario County Industrial Development Agency, Supervisor Jeffery Gallahan.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve the above mentioned resolution was made by Supervisor Vedora, seconded by Vice Chair Green. Supervisor Gallahan abstained from voting. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Mr. Manikowski discussed the effects of the Racino has on the equine industry in Ontario County. The gaming helps support the race track and the horses.</p>

4:30		Tom Harvey arrives.
4:30		Supervisor Teed arrives.
4:33	Deputy County Administrator	Deputy County Administrator Mary Gates discussed an informational resolution with the committee – Resolution Authorizing to Accept Cash Assets of the Western Ontario Local Community Development Corporation – Ontario County Work Force Development.
4:40	Planning	<p>Tom Harvey discusses and recommends a resolution – Finding of No Significant Impact Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act For Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land in Agricultural District Number One. This and the following resolution involve the annual process for owners to ask for properties to be added to a County Agricultural District. During the advertised period when such requests could be made, two were received. One is not being recommended for inclusion as it is within the Village of Naples, is less than an acre in size, and its only relation to agriculture is that the people have a horse housed out behind their home. The second parcel contains 16 acres and is actively used for agricultural purposes.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve the above mentioned resolution was made by Supervisor Vedora, seconded by Supervisor Marshall. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Tom Harvey discusses and recommends a resolution – Approval of the Inclusion of Viable Agricultural District Number One.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve the above mentioned resolution was made by Supervisor Marshall, seconded by Supervisor Green. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Mr. Harvey discussed and recommends approval of a resolution – Calling for State Funding To Update Flood Maps.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve the above mentioned resolution was made by Supervisor Green, seconded by Supervisor Vedora. Motion carried.</i></p>
5:16	Adjournment	<p>There being no further business for discussion, Chair Lightfoote requested a motion to adjourn.</p> <p><i>Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Gallahan, seconded by Supervisor Vedora at 4:51 p.m. Motion carried.</i></p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Reliefia Kramer