



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Municipal Building

2nd Floor, Room 200

20 Ontario Street

Canandaigua, NY 14424

MARCH 19, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Committee Chair Singer, Supervisors Bateman, Guard, Lightfoote, Venuti, and Wickham. Supervisor Hicks was declared necessarily absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

County Administrator Mary Krause, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, Chairman Marren, Director of Planning Tom Harvey, Director of Finance Mary Gates, First Assistant County Attorney Holly Adams, Economic Developer Michael Manikowski, Associate Planners Tim Jensen and Carla Jordan, Sr. Planners Maria Rudzinski, Betsy Landre and Regina Sousa, Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, Casella Operations Manager Rob Fadden, Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Tim Davis, Reporter David Shaw, Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Committee Chair Singer.

MINUTES

Supervisor Wickham made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meetings held on February 26, 2018. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Supervisor Venuti asked about the five violations in the DEC report, and why there has been a cover issue for months with the DEC. Mr. Fadden referred to a miss communication between the DEC and his staff regarding the cover violation and they are working on getting things covered every night. There is also an area of concern for cover that Casella cannot get addressed until better weather. Casella is still having issues getting the litter violation cleared up as some of the trees still have litter and no one will climb them. It is not acceptable to the committee that the landfill currently has six violations. Two official and four pending. Chairman Marren let Mr. Fadden know that everything needs to be covered at night. They need to get more resources to make sure there are no violations, and be upfront and honest with the Committee. Mr. Fadden also informed the committee

of the upcoming projects they would like to complete this spring/summer.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE

- ◆ *Discussion: Identifying Signs of Stress in Farm Families*
Mr. Davis noted that the annual Ag. Appreciation Banquet was held on March 13, 2018 with 122 people in attendance. Scholarships and agricultural awards were presented that evening. With the banquet shining light on the agricultural society it is hard for Mr. Davis to report that over the next year the medium farm income is expected to drop about thirteen hundred dollars. This will especially hurt the dairy farmers with dairy prices dropping 14.5%. Revenue for soybeans and other crops have decrease while the cost of fuel has increased also negatively impacting farmers. With the increase of farmers struggling there is a higher rate of depression/suicide. To help combat this and help the agricultural communities Cornell Cooperative Extension is proud to be able to offer NY FarmNet. This is an amazing resource for indivial to get assistance with many things from financial analysis and business planning to personal well-being.

PLANNING

- ◆ *LSWMP – Implementation Update*
Carla talked about the Sorta Simple campaign. Promotional material has started to be distributed, billboards are up, and the website is still getting a lot of traffic. A few organizations have reached out to Carla and Regina to provide tabling services, and they will be providing these services at the kids expo and the Summit in the Valley event. Distribution of posters, information, and magnets will happen soon to the towns and cities, in hopes to direct people to the website for more recycling information. They will also be partnering with CMAC to assist them with their zero waste efforts. The next hazardous household waste day event will be held on April 21, 2018 at the landfill.

Regina spoke about the results of the most recent waste audit. This compared our percentages from 2016 to 2017. The audit report shows that we are getting better at recycling cans, bottles, and wood. The county's MSW went up meaning we are recycling more and only throwing away true waste. The paper/paper towel percentage went up, but this should decrease as new hand dryers are being placed in restrooms and an effort is being made to make sure that recyclable paper isn't bagged.
- ◆ **Resolution:** *Agricultural Enhancement Plan for Ontario County Negative Declaration – State Environmental Quality Review Act*
Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the two Agricultural Enhancement Plan resolutions as a block. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- ◆ **Resolution:** *Approval of the Agricultural Enhancement Plan for Ontario County*

♦ **Resolution:** *Authorizing a Contract with Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District for Transfer of SFY 2017-2018 State Grant Funding under the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance*

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the contract with Oswego County Soil & Water Conservation District. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

♦ *Discussion: Water Resource Council Report*

Ms. Landre thanked the committee for supporting the council and reviewed the highlights in the report. This is a great way to provide resources and information to everyone and provide ways to get more done together as a group. The State is putting on a harmful algal bloom summit on March 26th. Mr. Harvey and others will be in attendance.

♦ *Discussion: Federal Opportunity Zones*

Mr. Harvey talked about federal opportunity zones, which is part of the 2017 federal tax reform. We have been made aware that Ontario County has six census tracks that are eligible to be nominated by the Governor to be submitted to the federal level. Statewide only 25% of the eligible tracks can be nominated. The County's recommendations need to be in by March 28, 2018. Any track that is selected will be designated as an opportunity zone providing capital gains tax benefits for projects completed within these zones. Planning Director Harvey and Economic Developer Mike Manikowski have a meeting to find out more information regarding how the program will work. The endorsements from the County will go through the Regional Economic Development Council and then be forward to the Governor.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

♦ *Update*

Mr. Young talked about Citizen's Academy that will begin on April 24, 2018. The Blue Zones visit will also be conducted this day with a presentation that evening. The municipal Summit will be held on April 26, 2018.

DISCUSSION

Planning Director Harvey informed the Committee that Circular EnerG has filed Article 10 paperwork. He is going to download the public involvement plan and report back to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Venuti, seconded by Supervisor Bateman the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin Mueller
Clerk to the Board