



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Municipal Building

2nd Floor, Room 200

20 Ontario Street

Canandaigua, NY 14424

April 8, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Singer, Supervisors Bateman, Guard, Lightfoote, and Venuti. Supervisor Wickham joined via phone. Supervisor Hicks was necessarily absent. It was noted Supervisor Wickham will not be participating in any vote.

OTHERS PRESENT

County Administrator Mary Krause, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, County Attorney Holly Adams, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Finance Director Mary Gates, Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, Sustainability & Solid Waste Management Director Carla Jordan, Assistant County Attorney Art James, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Casella Manager Mark Clinker, Casella General Counsel Shelley Sayward, Casella Engineer Amy Dill, Supervisors Campbell and Vedora, Director of Economic Development Mike Manikowski, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Sr. Planner Linda Phillips, Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Tim Davis, Megan Webster with Soil and Water, Reporter Dave Shaw, Debbie Dressner, Will Ceaplak, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:30p.m. by Committee Chair Singer.

MINUTES

Supervisor Lightfoote made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting held on March 18, 2019. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Update

Shelly Sayward reported they did receive the odor report from their consultant, CEC. The report was sent to Ontario County's consultant, SCS Engineering, the same morning of this meeting for their review and comment. She said they will be back in ten days for a special P&EQ Committee meeting to review the report.

Ms. Sayward wanted to make a clarification as it pertains to the leachate. She said there has been interesting articles in the newspapers about a leachate train based on a comment she made in a previous meeting where she was explaining the site does generate a great deal of leachate every year. She said leachate is storm water or any type of water that has comes in contact with the waste. That is what constitutes leachate. She

said it has to be managed, collected and brought somewhere for treatment. So if you think about 25-30 million gallons of leachate water, it is a lot for them to manage and to get treated. They are looking at all options where that is concerned. They do not currently have a contract in place to bring leachate anywhere by rail.

Amy Dill noted on March 22nd the Department of Water Quality with the DEC was on site for storm water inspection. They gave them a rating of marginal compliance. She said it is not where they want it but it is an improvement from two inspections in 2018 which was unsatisfactory. She said they do have work ahead of them and have a lot planned and is ongoing currently.

Mark Clinker noted they have made some big improvements noting some of the following items: cosmetic repairs, seeding, focusing on cleaning all of the ponds, enlarging the fore bays making them more accessible for cleaning in the future.

Ms. Sayward said they have a schedule of items going throughout the summer that will get the ponds and swales into compliance. They hope that if they have an inspection in the fall, it will be satisfactory.

Mr. Clinker said, in the last two weeks they have completed eight additional gas wells hooked up and they are tuning those. They also have several of them hooked up with pumps. They have made a lot of progress in 9C-1 with the gas recovery. They worked on recovering and regarding the slope of 9C-1. Ms. Sayward noted the dewatering efforts are done 24/7.

Ms. Sayward updated the committee regarding the internet complaint process, the feedback on the online complaint form was positive. People are definitely using the online complaint form. They have had 50/50 in terms of calls. They have been asked to make some of the questions a little more user friendly. They have added questions on odor intensity or duration and ask if the people would like a follow up call. Carla Jordan added that the duration question was added at the request of the DEC.

Ms. Sayward reported the addition of a trim flare at the landfill gas to energy plant which they think will be effective in assisting with odor control. This is something that is managed by Aria. The DEC has everything they need for the permit and is at Region 8 desk for approval. Supervisor Venuti inquired if the Committee knew about the two unsatisfactory ratings in 2018 from the DEC. Carla Jordan responded that they did and explained that it was follow-up to the consent order. Those inspections were subsequent to that action.

Supervisor Bateman inquired on the fence noting it was still down. Mr. Clinker responded the poles for the fence are supposed to be in the mail. They reengineered the poles which changed the specs of the poles. They will have it up in a week to two. The change in specs went from 50 foot poles to 55 foot H1 poles. They will be shortening the distance between

each pole from 50 foot to 30 foot when installed.

Supervisor Guard asked about the data on the online complaint form. He said there were 65 calls between 3/18/19 and 3/31/19 into the hotline. How many was received on line. Ms. Sayward explained they were overall complaints between both calls and online. She said they can break that down in the future.

**TOURISM/ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT/CORNELL
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

- ◆ *Approval: Budget Adjustment*

Mike Manikowski asked for approval on a budget adjustment, explaining they have received a grant from the Office of Community Renewal, which is federal money that comes to the state that they are pushing over to the Economic Development Corporation, which then is being used as a loan to Real Eats in the City of Geneva. They are doing it incrementally with small draws as they fulfill the terms of the loan.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the budget adjustment, seconded by Supervisor Guard. The motion carried.

**SUSTAINABILITY &
SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT**

- ◆ *Update- Informational – Department 90 Day Report/Presentation*

Carla Jordan began by recognizing Regina Sousa giving her credit for the work that she does. She said she did not know what she would do without her. Ms. Jordan then went on to give a 90 day report presentation. She reviewed the work they've done in the last 90 days within each of the five following topics:

- Organics
 - ◆ Waste Assessment at FLCC
 - ◆ Meeting with school superintendents on waste assessment for local school districts
 - ◆ Composting Workshops
 - ◆ Initial discussion of County wide back yard composting
 - ◆ Participation in NYS Organics Summit
- Event Coordination
 - ◆ Assistance with LSWMP municipal funding spending
 - ◆ Submitted e-waste grants on behalf of municipalities
 - ◆ Submitted County HHW grant application
 - ◆ Provided funding to OC Soil & Water Conservation District for agriculture tire disposal
 - ◆ Coordinated Spring e-waste event
 - ◆ All 2019 collection events have been scheduled
- Education Outreach
 - ◆ New department landing page for SSWM on website
 - ◆ Updates to recycling website
 - ◆ Social media efforts
 - ◆ Spotlight on Sustainability
 - ◆ Junk mail and video campaigns
 - ◆ Presentation to Red Jacket Rotary

- ◆ Joined the Wood Library Green Team
- ◆ Press Releases/Newspaper articles & radio interviews
- Landfill Operations
 - ◆ GIS web based odor complaint program
 - ◆ SCS Odor assessment coordination & review as well as a contract for on demand services
 - ◆ Odor mitigation and resolution scheduling
 - ◆ Consent order and NOV resolution
 - ◆ Review of weekly NYSDEC site inspections
 - ◆ De-packaging application for MRF Facility and tour of Cayuga County's de-packaging facility
 - ◆ Meetings with Casella, DEC, County, and MRF employees
- Planning Unit Activities
 - ◆ NYSDEC LSWMP Stakeholders meeting
 - ◆ 2018 Planning Unit Recycling Report
 - ◆ Receipt of \$97K NYSDEC grant funds
 - ◆ Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Program Assessment & Transfer Station Consolidation Study Contract
 - ◆ Strategic Planning and Visioning effort
- ◆ **Resolution:** *Call to Action for a Strategic Planning Process for the New Department of Sustainability and Solid Waste Management*

Mary Krause presented a resolution for a Call to Action for a Strategic Planning Process for the Department of Sustainability and Solid Waste Management.

Supervisor Singer said one of the biggest concerns is the impact the scheduled closing of the landfill will have on the residents if we do not come up with a plan to reduce the Solid Waste.

Supervisor Lightfoote made a motion to approve the resolution. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion.

Supervisor Wickham remarked, although he is not able to vote on the resolution, he expressed that he is in favor of the resolution. He thinks they need to do this plan and to look ahead.

Supervisor Guard commented that he does not think the resolution is explicit enough as it is written.

A lengthy discussion took place on the purpose and key points of the strategic plan and details in the resolution.

Supervisor Singer proposed an amendment to the resolution to remove the phrase "Director, Carla Jordan" from the resolution. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. Proposed amendment carried.

The motion for the amended resolution carried with Supervisor Guard in opposition.

Mary Krause mentioned at the last Board of Supervisors meeting they were in receipt of a petition from Amy Sellers regards to change.org petition. When it was presented at the podium, Chairman Marren suggested that an appointment be made with the County Administrator about the petition. Ms. Krause said she has yet to hear from Ms. Sellers.

PLANNING

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Appointment of Bill Nemestnik to the Ontario County Planning Board*
Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the resolution to appoint Bill Nemestnik to the Ontario County Planning Board, seconded by Supervisor Guard. The motion carried.
- ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Accept Round 15 Water Quality Improvement Grant for Honeoye Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management Project*
Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the resolution to accept the Water Quality Improvement Grant, seconded by Supervisor Venuti. The motion carried.
- ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorizing Contract with Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District from the Reed Farm Water Retention Project, Town of Geneva*
Betsy Landre presented two resolutions regarding the Water Retention Projects.
Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve as a block the two resolutions regarding the Water Retention Project, seconded by Supervisor Bateman. The motion carried.
- ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorizing Contract with Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Davie Farm Water Retention Project, Town of Geneva*

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Tim Davis mentioned they held a “Selling Your Timber” workshop the previous Saturday as part of their Master Forests Owners Program. They had over 40 participants. They are following up with a “Woodlot Management Planning” workshop in the Naples Library on April 27th. At the end of the month they will be holding their first Adult Farm and Tractor Safety Program. It will replicate what they do with their teens in the tractor safety certification program.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ◆ *Update*
County Administrator Krause informed the committee of following items:
 - Summary from NYSAC from the State Budget
 - Mary Luckern Memorial Scholarship
 - Citizens Academy begins April 9th
 - Municipal Summit on April 25th followed by a Shared Services panel discussion.

At 2:34 pm, Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss the terms and conditions of an existing contract and also the employment history of an individual. Supervisor Bateman

seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 3:32 pm, Supervisor Bateman motioned to come out of Executive Session. Supervisor Guard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Lightfoote seconded by Supervisor Bateman the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Diane Foster
Deputy Clerk to the Board

APPROVED