



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 3019 County Complex Dr., Room 204

August 31, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Singer, Bateman, and Wickham.
Via WebEx: Supervisors Guard, Hicks, Lightfoote, and Venuti.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: Interim County Administrator Brian Young, County Attorney Holly Adams, Public Health Director Mary Beer, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.
Via WebEx: Chairman Jack Marren, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sr. Planners Regina Sousa and Maria Rudzinski, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Economic Developer Michael Manikowski, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Outside Counsel J. Stravino, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Assistant County Attorney Art James, Finger Lakes Visitor Connections President Valerie Knoblauch, Economic Development Specialist Sue Vary, Director of Member Services at EIC PACE Sarah Smiley, and Grants Coordinator Peter Brown.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Supervisor Bateman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on August 10, 2020 and the Special PEQ meeting held on August 20, 2020. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Public Health Director, Mary Beer, gave an update of the COVID-19 Pandemic, noting the following:

- 382 Positive total cases
- 0 New cases today
- 0 Hospitalized
- 0 New deaths
- 7 People are being monitored
- 36 People are under mandatory quarantines
- Public Health is working with school and colleges

CASELLA

♦ Update

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- The installation of the aeration system in the pond is completed, and functioning well
- Odors have decreased significantly

- They are working on regrading the gas construction areas and starting to place cover on them

Ms. Jordan also noted that odors are going down. The ammonia odors that are now present, but faint, will take a little longer.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

♦ *Events Update*

Ms. Jordan reported that the backyard composting program has been very successful. Almost all the units from the first round have been picked up and they are launching a second round this week.

Ms. Sousa let the committee know that the Household Hazardous Waste event will be held on September 12th, we have about 180 currently signed up. The next event after that will be a tire recycling event to be held on September 26th at the landfill.

♦ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Amend Contract with Shred Text, Inc. for On-Site Mobile Document Destruction Services*

Ms. Sousa presented a contract amendment to cover the cost of an additional truck at the shred events.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve contract amendment with Shred Text, Inc. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

♦ *NYSDEC Meeting – August 19th*

Ms. Jordan had a brief call with NYSDEC and Casella on August 19th. They reviewed all the items that Casella has finished from their corrective action plan. There are a few items that NYSDEC would like to see Casella complete. One of these items is letting them know what dewatering infrastructure they can run through the winter months. Also, Casella will need to have someone inspect the temporary cap and make recommendations on repairs and have them completed by the end of next month. They have hired a company to do this work. Casella is requesting to revise their hydrogen sulfide monitoring plan. They are seeking to lessen the amount of monitoring they are conducting at the site now that the odors are down, and most of the corrective action plan work is completed. They would like to phase out the handheld ambient monitoring and only due continuous monitoring. With this they would add two additional sites to the current five continuous monitoring sites.

TOURISM

♦ **Resolution:** *Ontario County Four Seasons Local Development Corporation dba Finger Lakes Visitors Connection, Ontario County, NY Designation Tourist Promotion Agency and Authorization New York State Tourism Grant Programs*

Ms. Knoblauch presented the annual resolution for the designation of tourist promotion agency.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve Finger Lakes Visitors Connection to be designated as Ontario County's tourist promotion agency. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Knoblauch also noted that tourism is starting bounce back.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ♦ **Resolution:** *Fixing Date and Notice for the Public Hearing for Real Eats America, Inc. Community Development Block Grant*

Manikowski let committee know that this resolution sets the Public Hearing that is required at the end of this Community Development Block Grant program.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the fixing date and notice for the Public Hearing for Real Eats America. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- ♦ *Presentation: PACE-C (Property Assessed Clean Energy)*
- ♦ *Census Update*
- ♦ **Resolution:** *Setting Public Hearing on Proposed Ontario County Fair Housing Plan*

Mr. Harvey introduce Sarah Smiley the Director of Member Services at EIC PACE. Ms. Smiley spoke to the committee regarding a program to allow commercial properties to access funding to implement energy efficiency infrastructure into their properties. Ms. Smiley did note that a Local Law would have to be adopted by the County to allow access to these programs. The Cities of Canandaigua and Geneva have already passed Local Laws allowing this program.

Mr. Harvey updated the committee on the census. The Planning Department is working Cornell Cooperative Extension and Causewave Community Partners for outreach programs. Direct mailings will be sent out next week to properties are second home.

Mr. Harvey presented a resolution to set a Public Hearing on the Ontario County Fair Housing Plan. This needs to be updated from when it was originally completed about 30 years ago. This provides a plan for HUD loan projects funded by Economic Development.

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve the setting of a Public Hearing on the proposed Ontario County fair housing plan. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ♦ *Updates*

Interim County Administrator, Brian Young, gave the following updates:

- We won't be able to hold the September 10th Board meeting at 74 Ontario St. as we had hoped. We should be able to hold the October 1st Board meeting there.
- He thanked the Code Enforcement Officers for taking on the gym inspections throughout the county
- 51 people have been granted the retirement incentive

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION**

Mr. Davis shared that they have started a new forage exchange program. This systems matches potential forage sellers and buyers within the State.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Bateman seconded by Supervisor Wickham, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin A. Mueller,
Clerk to the Board

Approved