



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Municipal Building

2nd Floor, Room 200

20 Ontario Street

Canandaigua, NY 14424

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

County Administrator Mary Krause, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, Chairman Marren, Assistant County Attorney Holly Adams, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Associate Planners Carla Jordan & Tim Jensen, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa and Betsy Landre, Casella Operations Manager Mark Clinker, Casella Engineer Amy Dill, Casella Business Developer Andrea Calarco, Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Tim Davis, Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Finger Lakes Visitors Connection President Valerie Knoblauch, Finger Lakes Visitors Connection Director of Marketing and Communications Christen Smith, Director of Soil & Water Megan Webster, Terry Gronwall, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Committee Chair Singer.

MINUTES

Supervisor Venuti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meetings held on August 13, 2018. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Mr. Clinker presented the happenings at the landfill since the last committee meeting as follows:

- Cell construction is moving along and is about 30% complete
- Water is starting to go into the new pond next to the manor
- Seeding and slope stabilization is coming along
- They are working on the storm water system
- The new gas wells are working well
- Twenty-eight gas well are new this year
- They have been adding pumps to wells that were retaining liquid
- They move the odor control unit and monitoring controls around

- the landfill where they are most effective
- One complaint to the hotline was received and found it was not a landfill odor but an outside source
 - Discussions are ongoing with the R&D for de-packaging and the transfer station
 - They received violations due to surface water management, these have been corrected
 - Division of Water did inspection on August 10th. They provided an NOV for surface water.
 - They are reviewing and monitoring things from the August 4th event
 - He passed out brochures to committee that the drivers received recently; they are instructions and guidelines for using the landfill
 - They are looking to improve signage for drivers

Supervisor Venuti asked for some follow up on all the violations that the DEC has given Casella this year. He would like to know what the result have been and how things have been taken care of. Mr. Clinker and Carla said that they can put together a matrix that shows ongoing concerns and inspection violations with when and how those issues are addressed.

Supervisor Wickham stated that he likes the brochure for the drivers. Supervisor Bateman thanked Mr. Clinker for taking care of the rocks in the road.

TOURISM

- ♦ *Presentation: "Printed pieces for travel are not dead – they just ain't what they used to be"* Ms. Knoblauch talked about print pieces in an age that is becoming more and more digital. Much like the new NYS visitors center in Geneva that is 100% digital. There still are people that want and prefer print pieces and sometimes this is the only way to reach those people. They still have many requests on the phone and internet for printed pieces. Going forward as they move to more digital they have also redesigned the way they produce print pieces. They print less but give more than just a listing in a booklet. These pieces provide inspiration by photos and stories along with small well-placed listings of companies. The latest print pieces they have coming out are the wedding and special occasion guide along with the top 50 things to do in Ontario County that has a map included.

Ms. Knoblauch will be distributing these pieces to the gateways and other places around the County.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ♦ **Resolution:** *Resolution of Sympathy – Mr. David R. Reh* Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve the resolution of sympathy. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PLANNING

♦ *LSWMP – Implementation Update*

The updates to the document since the last meeting are as follows:

- Dates have been updated with solidified dates
- The pumpkin event will be on one day in three locations this year not three days like last year
- Postcards will be going out to Ontario County farms to get farms to sign up for the agricultural plastics collection event
- Regina gave an update on the organics programs in our school districts

♦ *Discussion: NYSDEC August 29th Stakeholders Meeting*

Ms. Jordan attended the NYSDEC stakeholders meeting on August 29th with Andrea Calarco from Casella. This meeting was convened at the direction of the Governor for the purpose of discussing the recycling commodity markets and the current challenges. The following are items that were talked about at the meeting:

- They outlined the current problems with recycling and the ripple effect throughout the state
- This forum created an opportunity for all commodities to also say they have issues like mixed paper
- Stakeholders from NYSAC, Casella, OCRRA, and National Waste and Recycling Association gave presentations
- They brainstormed short-term and long-term ideas to fix recycling challenges
- They talked about needing assistance and funding to help with the current recycling challenges
- They talked about how education is important
- They held a great facilitated discussion
- They will have more follow up meetings

Supervisor Venuti asked should we continue with single stream recycling or go back to sorting? Ms. Jordan stated that throughout the state most are single stream and it would be more difficult to go back to sorting. With the educational and financial push for single stream over the past 10 years people won't want to go back.

♦ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Contract with Ontario Soil & Water Conservation District for Administrative Event Services*

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the contract with Ontario County Soil & Water. Supervisor Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried. This contract is for administrative services for the tire recycling event being held in the Town of Seneca.

♦ **Resolution:** *Ontario County Agricultural Enhancement Board Appointment – Frank Fessner Jr.*

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve the appointment of Frank Fessner Jr. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

♦ **Resolution:** *Authorizing Contract with Canandaigua*

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the contract with Canandaigua

Lake Watershed Council for
Canandaigua Lake and Stream
Monitoring – Year 5

Lake Watershed. Supervisor Guard seconded the motion. The motion carried. This contract is paid with FLOWPA funds.

- ◆ *Informational: Response to Moveon.org Petition “Help Save Honeoye Lake” Authored by Julie Swift*

Ms. Landre introduce the Chairman of Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force Terry Gronwall. She and Mr. Gronwall worked together to form the response to the Moveon.org petition that has been distributed to the committee for review. Ms. Landre let the committee know that the HABS on Honeoye Lake are on everyone’s radar and a HABS action plan has been created for Honeoye Lake by the DEC. This action plan is not eligible for funding from the state, because the action items the DEC is suggesting are not legally permit able in NYS..

Supervisor Singer noted that the Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force is looking at sending out a survey to Lake residents on the weed harvesting program and if they would like it to continue the program or not.

- ◆ *Informational: Regional Solar Report by Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council*

Mr. Harvey shared per a new study Ontario County is a leader in the region for installed megawatts. We have over 19 solar megawatts install in Ontario County. Monroe has 15 megawatts install and all other counties have 10 or less.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

- ◆ *Update*

Mr. Davis talked about the cut flower tour at Harris Seed that will take place on September 13th. Grapes prices are fairly stable with being down just a slightly. The State Fair just finished up and they did have 4H member in attendance.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ◆ *Update*

County Administrator Krause informed the committee of these items:

- The Board retreat will be held on October 10th
- The 74 Ontario Street demo kick off was held today
- The Raise the Age plan is as ready as possible and will begin on October 1st.
- A Raise the Age meeting will be held on September 14th

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Venuti, seconded by Supervisor Wickham the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin Mueller
Clerk to the Board