



## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., Committee Room

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**March 1, 2021**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, County Attorney Holly Adams, Soil and Water District Director Megan Webster, Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Chairman Jack Marren, Supervisor Ingalsbe, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, Public Health Director Mary Beer, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Finance Director Mary Gates, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Economic Developer Michael Manikowski, Economic Development Specialist Sue Vary, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Visitors Connection President Val Knoblauch, Visitors Connection Secretary Julie Maslyn, Outside Counsel Jeff Stravino, Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, Jacob Fox, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **MINUTES**

Supervisor Bateman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on February 8, 2021. 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:

- 5801 Positive total tests
- 17 New cases
- 24 Currently hospitalized
- We are about two weeks away from the 1-year anniversary of

Ontario County's first COVID case

- They held their second dose clinic at Mt. Olive
- The Johnson and Johnson has now been approved.
- They have had a lot of great volunteers at the clinics

## CASELLA

### ♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They ceased landfill operations at noon today due to the wind
- They have been extensively working on gas system issues that were found this winter; now that the snow is disappearing
- They currently only have two well not function
- They purchased a new tipper and will be moved up top to finish the filling up there
- They will be running some horizontal wells up on the top deck
- They will be adding 5 new dewatering pumps by the end of the month
- They have sent cell construction and final capping bids out and they expect to receive those bids back early this month with a April construction start date

Ms. Jordan noted that they continue to be concerned with information being communicated between Casella the County and the gas plant management company. They are working with Casella to try to get something set up between them all to get the contract amended to better communications when there are issues at the gas plant.

## SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

- ♦ **Resolution:** *Authorization to contract with Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District for Administrative Event Services*
- ♦ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension for E-Waste Collection Event Assistance*
- ♦ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Contract with EWASTE+ for an E-Waste Collection Event*
- ♦ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Accept FY2018 Household Hazardous Waste State Assistance Program from*

Ms. Sousa presented four resolutions to contract for assistance with events for 2021.

Supervisor Lightfoote motion to approve the four resolution as presentation. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Sousa let the committee know that the first tire event will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> next Monday registration begins.

*New York State Department  
of Environmental  
Conservation*

◆ *Department Update*

Ms. Jordan let the committee know that the City of Geneva's Green Committee contacted her, and they are requesting more events in the City of Geneva. Regina and her reviewed the information the department has and it shows that they have a household hazardous waste day and e-waste day held each year at the landfill close to the city, but it doesn't specify if Geneva residents are from the Town or City. They are going to breakdown the Town/City residents of Geneva this year. The data shows that a lot of residents that participate do come from Geneva. They are able move the landfill e-waste event to the city much easier than the household hazardous waste event. The Committee decided to move the e-waste event that was to be held at the landfill to the City of Geneva. The new events calendar will be sent out by the end of the week. She also, noted that a press release will go out regarding the strategic plan.

**SOIL AND WATER**

◆ ***Resolution: Reappointment  
– Ontario County Soil and  
Water Conservation District  
Board – James Peck***

Ms. Webster presented a resolution to reappoint Mr. Peck as he failed to file is oath card within 30 days.

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve the reappointment of James Peck. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

◆ ***Resolution: Reappointment  
to the Ontario County  
Industrial Development  
Agency – Lewis C. Zulick***

Mr. Manikowski presented two resolutions to reappoint Mr. Zulick to the Industrial Development Agency and the Local Development Corporation.

◆ ***Resolution: Reappointment  
to the Ontario County Local  
Development Corporation –  
Lewis C. Zulick***

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the two resolutions as presented to reappointment Mr. Zulick as a block. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

◆ ***Resolution: Appointment of  
Albert Magnan to the  
Ontario County Planning  
Board***

Mr. Harvey presented a resolution to a appoint Mr. Magnan to the Ontario County Planning Board.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the appointment of Mr. Magnan as presented. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Execute No Cost Time Extension to Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Gorham to Update to Town's Comprehensive Plan*

Mr. Harvey presented a resolution for a no cost time times with the Town of Gorham for updates to their Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the no cost time extension. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Proclamation – March as Agriculture Month*

A resolution to proclaim March as agricultural month was presented.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the no cost time extension. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried

- ◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- A press release was sent out letting residents know that the County Health department cannot determine if school can lower the distancing guidelines to reopen all schools fully
- The schools now have to report to the County how many of their workforce is vaccinated so they can report this information to the State
- The County is looking at a place to set up a site that could provide testing for large gathering events that the Governor is starting to allow with negative test results

## PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Davis said that Cornell Cooperative Extension has two events coming up. The wine beverage industry business conference and the 4-h tractor certification program.

Ms. Knoblauch let the committee know that an email has been sent out will the destination next survey. They will also be launching their new website this month.

Mr. Jacob Fox informed the committee that the Geneva Resource Recovery Park will open Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The park will be opened on Mondays and Wednesdays to residents.

## ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Bateman seconded by Supervisor Wickham, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kristin A. Mueller,  
Clerk to the Board