



## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 3019 County Complex Dr., Rooms 204-205

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**April 12, 2021**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

In Person: Supervisors Bateman and Phillips.

Via WebEx: Supervisors Singer, Guard, Lightfoote, Venuti, and Wickham.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, County Attorney Holly Adams, Assistant County Attorney Ben Gilmour, Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: supervisor Baker, 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, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Sr. Planner Betsy Landre, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Outside Counsel Jeff Stravino, Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, Visitors Connection President Val Knoblauch, Jacob Fox, Sueann Townsend, 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 March 22, 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:

- 6700 Total Positive tests
- 23 New cases
- 15 Currently hospitalized
- 105 Total deaths

- 319 In isolation
- 459 In Quarantine

## CASELLA

- ♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They have been adding to the dewatering system
- They are working on communications with the gas plant management company
- They have mapped out their phase I drilling plan and hope to start drilling by May
- Cell construction should begin by the end of the month
- They continue to pick up litter as the wind slows
- They are also working on more cover and seeding

## SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

- ♦ *Discussion: City/Town of Geneva LSWMP Project Proposal & Request for Funds*

The Town and City of Geneva are requesting funds to do a joint waste impact study with Impact Earth and hold a mattress recycling collection event.

- ♦ *Discussion: Town of Gorham request for LSWMP Funding*

The Town of Gorham is requesting funds for a 3-month pilot of an organics program at their transfer station.

Committee agreed to fund these requests as they were presented.

- ♦ *Department Update*

Ms. Jordan informed the committee that she received notice that Casella has withdrawn their de-packaging application that was submitted last year to the DEC.

A paper shredding event will be held this Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> and a household hazardous waste collection event will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the landfill. There are lots of time slots still available.

The department will also be making their backyard composting kits available starting Monday.

## TOURISM

- ♦ **Resolution:** *Designating National Tourism Week – May 2-8, 2021*

Ms. Knoblauch presented a resolution to designate May 2-8, 2021 as national tourism week.

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve designating May 2-8 as national tourism week. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- ♦ **Resolution:** *Authorizing*

Ms. Landre presented a resolution for a contract with Ontario County

*Contract with Ontario  
County Soil and Water  
Conservation District for  
Streambank Stabilization  
Project – Fishers Park*

Soil and Water for a streambank stabilization project.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the contract with Soil and Water as presented. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- ◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- Staff is slowly starting to be more in person than remote, and this will continue through the spring
- The County is trying to work to with the school and interpret the new guidance form NYS and how to implement it
- He highlighted several items from the recently passed State budget and how they would impact the County and Towns

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Supervisor Bateman seconded by Supervisor Phillips, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kristin A. Mueller,  
Clerk to the Board