



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx

May 18, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisors Singer, Bateman, Guard, Hicks, Lightfoote, Venuti, and Wickham.

OTHERS PRESENT

Interim County Administrator Brian Young, Chairman Jack Marren, Supervisors Ingalsbe and Vedora, County Attorney Holly Adams, Finance Public Health Director Mary Beer, Finance Director Mary Gates, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sustainability & Solid Waste Management Director Carla Jordan, Vice President of Landfill Mark Johnson, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Casella Engineer Amy Dill, Sr. Planners Regina Sousa and Betsy Landre, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Economic Developer Michael Manikowski, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Grants Coordinator Peter Brown, Outside Counsel J. Stravin, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Finger Lakes Visitor Connections President Valerie Knoblauch, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller, 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 Lightfoote made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on April 27, 2020. Supervisor Bateman 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:

- 172 Positive cases
- 10 new cases
- 9 hospitalized
- 1 new death
- New contract tracers have taken their tests, and they will be going live on the State's new system Friday
- Phase 1 reopening is not a full reopening. Ms. Beer urged everyone to still remain cautious and vigilant in trying to keep the spread of the virus down

CASELLA

- ♦ *Update*

Mr. Mark Johnston presented the following updates:

- The upper most horizontal is completely installed

- The lower most horizontal is completely installed
- The original Hall Road horizontal completely installed
- 2 new wells are completely installed
- 4 new pocket wells are completely installed
- They will start mid-level horizontals next week
- They will be doing drone fly overs this week to get more data
- They are getting good flow out of the newly installed horizontals
- They want to install another horizontal and will decide where to place this with the drone data
- They have done flare testing and evaluations
- They are going to installing eight vertical wells in the northeast corner of the site
- They have surveyed all vertical wells for liquid, and they will be installing pumps in the wells that need them
- H2S data has been showing good trends

Ms. Jordan noted that the exceedance at the site have been down. In the ambient monitoring and continuous monitoring around the site. There was an inquiry about Sunday work, but this is not approved by the DEC. The DEC is only comfortable with them doing minor activity at the site such as fence installation.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

- ♦ *NYSDEC May 15th Meeting*

On May 15th there was a meeting with the DEC. The DEC is getting more critical on the status of what has been installed the last month and Casella's plans going forward. The DEC is pushing Casella to meet timelines, and Casella has been coming up with a very aggressive schedule to meet these deadlines in the next six weeks. The next meeting with DEC is scheduled for June 17th. Casella has submitted plans for a temporary cap if needed and the DEC is requesting more information regarding this.

- ♦ *Strategic Plan*

The public survey period has closed with 1,319 submittals. This is about 400 more than during the recycling survey. Causewave will compile the data and provide committee with a summary.

TOURISM

- ♦ *Updates*

Ms. Knoblauch shared that they are helping Economic Development with plans regarding reopening the Finger Lakes Region. They have created a reopen page with resources for all industries including toolkits for businesses. They are also doing research on when and how people are going to begin traveling again. They want to make sure people feel comfortable traveling to Ontario County again.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Harvey presented a resolution to appoint Matt Sousa as an alternate member of the Ontario County Planning Board.

- ♦ *Resolution: Appointment of Matt Sousa to the Ontario County Planning Board*

Supervisor Bateman motion to approve the appointment of Matt Sousa as an alternate member of the Ontario County Planning Board. Supervisor Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorizing Contract with Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council for Transfer of SFY 2019-20 FLOWPA Funding for Local Water Quality Projects*

Ms. Landre presented a resolution to contract with Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council to fund local water quality projects.

Supervisor Bateman motion to approve this resolution. Supervisor Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Contract with Town of Canandaigua for Manpower, Equipment, and Materials – FLCC Water Quality, Flood Resiliency, and Habitat Improvement Project*

Mr. Harvey presented a resolution to contract with the Town of Canandaigua for manpower, equipment, and materials for the FLCC water quality, flood resiliency, and habitat improvement project. Mr. Harvey requested that amount of the resolution be amended from \$97,000 to \$105,000. He also plans to be way under budget for this project due to receiving a new grant.

Supervisor Lightfoote motion to approve this resolution, as amended. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ◆ *Census Update*

Mr. Harvey shared current response participation graphic with committee. More responds are anticipated to come in via the phone. They are also getting out more advertising with essential businesses.

Mr. Harvey also shared that he has been hosting weekly conference calls with local Code Officers on all updated being put out by the Governor.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ◆ *Updates*

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

- He thanked Mike Manikowski, Val Knoblauch, and their teams for their hard work on our reopening
- He thanked Tom Harvey for hosting weekly calls for the local CEO's
- He and Chairman are now part of the NYS control room, they will bring questions to and from this group
- The phase I reopening is not a full reopening of everything
- We are working on getting a plan together for county beaches and the campground at Gannet Hill
- They are working on getting reopening messages out to our region
- The county is getting return to work reopening plans together for staff

CHAIRMAN MARREN

Chairman Marren gave the following updates:

- As mentioned by Mr. Young, they are a part of this control room of the nine-county Finger Lakes region. They have Zoom meetings at 4:30 daily. They get health updates as well as answer questions.

- They want to be mechanisms for questions from the communities. This can be helpful as a resource to the residents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:43 PM, Supervisor Bateman made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Lightfoote, to go into executive session regarding discussion on the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, and to confer with counsel; motion carried.

At 3:17 PM, Supervisor Wickham made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Venuti, to leave executive session; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Wickham seconded by Supervisor Venuti, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin A. Mueller,
Clerk to the Board

APPROVED