



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:00 PM

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

June 29, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisors Singer, Bateman, Lightfoote (1:15) and Wickham were present in Person. Supervisors Guard, Hicks, and Venuti were present via WebEx.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: Interim County Administrator Brian Young, County Attorney Holly Adams, Public Health Director Mary Beer, Sustainability & Solid Waste Management Director Carla Jordan, Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster
Via WebEx: Chairman Jack Marren, Finance Director Mary Gates, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Vice President of Landfill Mark Johnson, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Economic Developer Michael Manikowski, Outside Counsel J. Stravin, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chair Singer.

MINUTES

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

- 254 Positive cases
- 3 new cases over the weekend
- 8 hospitalized
- 0 new death
- We are seeing a decrease in nursing home case and an increase in community cases
- The Governor is mandating certain air filters for malls and large companies to help filter out COVID-19
- They are transitioning all contract tracing to the State system

CASELLA

- ♦ *Update*

Mr. Mark Johnston presented the following updates:

- All horizontal collectors are in place that were planned

- An additional horizontal on the Hall Road was talked about but they are not going to install one there as it is not needed
- Vacuum is to all wells
- They did encounter a problem on the mid-level horizontals, and they have someone in today remedying the problem.
- They detected gas on Wednesday night and Thursday they found two sources, they have fixed one and working on the other today
- They have shown no exceedance lately
- They are going to start doing recovering on the east slope to prep for vegetation
- With more dewater it is pulling the gas away from problem areas
- Another call on the 15th with the NYS DEC, They will do another drone fly over prior to that meeting
- Over the weekend they had a very faint order, They believe it is from the area that is being fixed today.
- They are updating their OML manual for the additional wells and improvements to the site

Ms. Jordan also noted that they have also drilled 18 vertical wells and have connected them. These were installed where gas was escaping the temporary cap. The new wells are pulling more gas then older ones even from last year. They are working on 800 feet of the 18" gas line header on the west side and that work is almost complete. The OML manual changes are important and when they are complete, they will be enforceable by the NYS DEC. Casella has had some staffing changes and Amy Dill is no longer working for them.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

♦ *Events*

Ms. Sousa reported that we had 386 participants at the hazardous household waste event. This was lower from past events, part of this they believe is from COVID, lack of public space advertising they normally use, and some is due to Cornell Cooperative Extension educating people on how to dispose of latex paint at home. They also held a paper shredding event last Friday. They shredded about 6.5 tons of paper. The next event they have scheduled is a tire recycling event that will be held on July 26th at the Farmington highway facility. The next e-waste event will be held on August 1st at the Bristol highway garage.

♦ *Backyard Composting Program*

Ms. Jordan let the committee know that they plan on rolling out the backyard composting program on July 15th via the recycling website. Causewave created an educational video for the site. The video was played, but the sound was not work correctly, so Ms. Jordan will send it to committee members. The site will also have the County/resident cost breakdown.

♦ *Strategic Plan*

Causewave has present the Sustainability and Solid Waste department with the survey results. They compared them to last year and highlighted areas of opportunity and created an executive summary. They will be attendance to present these finding to the committee next

cycle.

◆ *NYS DEC Call June 17th*

Ms. Jordan continues to meet with Casella and the NYS DEC monthly. These meetings are going well. Casella continues to provide updates on the progress at the site. Casella will fly the drone again over the site prior to next month's meeting. This should show if a temporary cap will be needed or if the work they have completed will be enough. The County has requested that all drone data be provided to NYS DEC for their review. Last week was the first week that there were no exceedances in the ambient monitoring since the monitors were installed.

The recipients of this year's Ontario County/Casella scholarships have been notified and will be recognized at the next Board meeting.

Supervisors Wickham and Bateman stated that the odor issues have improved greatly. They just hope that it continues this fall when we receive more moisture.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

◆ **Resolution:** *Authorizing a Contract with Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District for Transfer of SFY 2019-20 FLOWPA Funding for Local Water Quality Projects*

Mr. Harvey presented a resolution to fund local water quality projects with FLOWPA funding.

Supervisor Bateman motion to approve the funding of the local water quality projects. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

◆ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Contract with Multiple municipalities for Manpower, equipment, and materials – FLCC Water Quality, Flood Resiliency, and Habitat Improvement Project*

Mr. Harvey presented three resolutions for the FLCC water quality, flood resiliency, and habitat improvement project.

Supervisor Bateman motion to approve the three FLCC water quality, flood resiliency, and habitat improvement project resolutions as a block. Supervisor Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

◆ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Contract with the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council for Project Management Services – FLCC Water Quality, Flood Resiliency, and Habitat Improvement Project*

◆ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Contract with Pipe and Pumps for Piping Materials –*

*FLCC Water Quality, Flood
Resiliency, and Habitat
Improvement Project*

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

♦ *Updates*

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

- Grimes Glenn reopening last Friday with new signage
- RTS will be back in regular service starting on July 15th
- Retirement incentive, for elibagle personnel, resolutions will be going to the Ways and Means Committee this week and the Board next week
- The application period for this incentive will begin next week
- The County is working on a travel policy to reflect the Governor's latest executive orders on travel outside the state

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION**

Mr. Davis noted that they have been busy with Gypsy moths. They are hitting the pines hard. The hardwood in good condition are doing better than the pine. They believe that they will be just as bad next year. They are helping farms with their safety reopening plans.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Manikowski let the committee know that they are working with the Visitors Connection to help provide resources for small business from signage to personal protection equipment. They are providing a \$25,000 matching grant to them. They are trying to source most of these items locally.

SOIL AND WATER

Ms. Webster shared they are in their busy construction season. They have received word that they are a top three finalist for the New York AEM-Leopold Conservation Award.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Ms. Adams spoke about the resolution that was received by the County from the City of Geneva requesting compensation for the odors that have been coming from the landfill and better management of the landfill. After lengthy discussion it was determined that the committee would like Ms. Adams to send the letter she drafted. Also, the County is working on forming a working group together to open up better communication and education.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Bateman seconded by Supervisor Wickham, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin A. Mueller,
Clerk to the Board