

Delaware County Planning, Recreation and Culture Committee Meeting 7/16/24 at 1pm at 2 Bridge Street, Delhi NY

Present: Jerry Vernold Tina Mole'
 Jim Ellis Kent Manuel
 Rebecca Walley Bill Layton
 Shelly Johnson-Bennett Elizabeth DeFalco, Reporter

Motion by Jerry Vernold to enter into executive session regarding NYC negotiations and GIS software transitions, seconded by Bill Layton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Jerry Vernold to exit executive session, seconded by Bill Layton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Jim Ellis to approve the June minutes, seconded by Bill Layton. All in favor. Motion carried.

2025 Budget: We will be budgeting for two new color printers, one for GIS lab, one for the main office. We are working with IT on quotes for the printers. ArcPro upgrades will require updates to tax maps. VHB is working on a quote for these updates. Motion by Jerry Vernold to approve, seconded by Jim Ellis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolutions: Ag. District resolutions already submitted to the Board office as per last committee meeting.

Travel/Conference Request: Jerry and Tina already signed the request to attend the Manure Expo in Auburn. Senior funday scheduled for August regarding the County Comp Plan.

POF: Shelly is still working with VIA to schedule a presentation to the Board.

Personnel: upgrade requests have been submitted for 2025.

PIO: Shelly worked with Steve Hood regarding the plan crash. We continue to monitor social media and respond as needed to inquiries.

Project Updates

Clean Path: We continue to work with Young & Sommer on the intervenor status.

FEMA/CDBG Buyouts: The parcels continue to be mowed. We continue to receive complaints regarding parked vehicles on the vacant lots. A tree from 10 Camp fell on the neighboring property and we are working with the insurance company and solid waste regarding damages. The new PA has been signed and returned to GOSR. Shelly is working with elations and the contractors regarding reimbursement. She gave an update on monies spent, received, etc.

Grants

Housing Study: The deadline has been extended to December.

O'Connor R.R. Grant: We received six proposals. The CPB is reviewing them.

ARC County Comp Plan: The consultant continues to work with the CPB and staff on inventory and analysis. ARC reports are up to date and we have received a one-year extension.

2024 CFA: We were awarded for the Walton Recreation area and Riverwalk that Sean is working on.

2025 CFA: We will be applying for the SWIM grant for lifeguard support as well as the grant for the Town and Village of Hancock to complete a joint Comp Plan.

WSA

WAC: Nick and Sean continue to attend meetings. We continue to work with WAC regarding negotiations with NYC.

CWT: Continues to participate in negotiations and review of the new FAD obligations; as well as the Ag. Land Use contract issues with City land use staff. The next meeting regarding ag. is July 19th in Arkville. The next negotiations meeting is July 29th in Kingston. We continue to work with CWT on SAP and LAP changes, as well as the Subdivision language proposed changes that Delaware County does not support. We have submitted comments that Delaware County will not support the NRDCs request to remove sustainability language from the easement language. Nick continues to participate in the monthly meetings.

CWC: The Community Sustainability Study Scope of work has been revised along with the RFP and will be sent out again.

NYC Stakeholders: the next meeting is July 29th in Kingston. We continue to pursue reduced core land acquisition. A draft license has been prepared and is now being reviewed for comments regarding SAP negotiations. DEP has made some changes to the easement language proposal to compromise with the Env. Groups that will allow the purpose and the sustainability to remain in the language. DEP has reviewed the proposal for solar on City owned lands and reports there is less than 1,000 acres that could be developed for solar. New staff, Shiloh Williams, has been invited to Delaware County to meet our staff and representatives and allow us to give her a tour of the County and watershed programs.

Climate Change Initiatives: Spencer continues to work on the mapping assessment of City owned lands that could be used for renewable energy. Tina sent a letter to the Commissioner to invite him to discuss the proposals. We continue to review the legislation as it is released from the State. Wetland maps will be released in October; however, the new regulation have been released and they are extensive. We are evaluating the regulations and will propose a resolution and comments from the Board regarding the impacts to development and growth in the County. The comment period is open until September. Working with STE on reviewing CLCPA programs and implementation to secure funding. Theresea and Sophia are at a meeting today at SUNY Broome regarding new solar and battery tech development. We sent a letter of support to ST8 to apply through the federal POWER grant program to develop a program to address broadband, cybersecurity and cell tower development in the region. We are working with Kevin on a proposal to create model solar and battery storage laws.

Sidney Culvert Project: Final invoicing has been completed with the Village of Sidney. DHSES will be sending Delaware County a contract to take over the project. Materials will be ordered and a construction schedule will be made.

Sidney Soccer Field Project: The Town of Sidney will be taking over the project. We will help administer the grant.

UDRTC/FUDR: Issues concerning the determination that the lands under the river are not controlled as deeded rights to any landowner will be discussed at their next meeting. We were asked to participate in the Riverfest in Deposit this past weekend. All of the tables had to have a children's craft or activity so we made terrariums with the kids. We handed out mitigation flyers from FEMA as well. The ribbon cutting for the Cadosia boat launch was yesterday. Sean has and is doing a great job with the ongoing parks, trails and boat launch projects.

SWCD: We are working with them to put together the fair booth display.

AFPB: The next meeting is July 30th.

IT: The hardware policy has been explained so we will be adding a budget line for new computers for GIS and other equipment that is not included in the hardware policy. We have an open ticket to install the smartboard. IT will be installing key card access to the building.

HMP: Stamford field work is complete and data is being collected for Kortright now. The data collected for Meredith and Franklin last summer is being processed for distribution to the towns.

Drone: We are still working with Carra to schedule a meeting regarding the policies and procedures. We have ordered the base station and requested the software for the drone mapping and are awaiting installation of DJI Terra. We have not heard anything regarding the small drones for practice that Probation would like to get.

CPB: The Board continues to work on the County Comp Plan with the consultants. A symbol and brand has been chosen and will be used for all outreach. Outreach will include public participation at several summer events and activities planned for late summer. We will have the survey QR code available at the events for the public to access the survey as well as swag that will have the brand and QR code on them. We have entered into contract with Jess Veccione regarding the Housing Study to assist with public outreach. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for July 24th.

ST8: Theresa continues to participate in Broadband meetings. ST8 planners met in Hancock and toured several of the local public/private partnership projects as examples of successes in small towns. Fees will increase to \$16,450 for next year.

Transportation Study: Trying to schedule presentation to the BOS.

E.D./IDA: Sean continues to work with the IDA, attend meetings, and assist with projects. Spencer continues to work with VHB on the development of the data for the tourism interactive webpage.

EMS: Spencer continues to work with Mark Rosley on the new 911 data development.

DPW: Due to staff shortages DPW can no longer work on our vehicles. The Fusion barely passed inspection. We are waiting for the delivery of our new vehicle.

LA: Shelly updated the Committee on the L.A. projects that Sean is working on.

TPAS: Shelly updated the Committee on the TPAS projects staff is working on.

Solar Projects: Harpersfield received approval from the CPB. Hancock and Middletown have proposals. We have not heard anything regarding Meredith and Franklin.

State Climate Change Committee: Kent continues to work with Climate Smart Communities. Kent and Shelly are participating in the bi-weekly meetings with ST8 to support community applications. Theresa has been reviewing new materials for Kent to address renewable energy. We are looking at a proposal to partner with DEP on renewable energy on City owned Lands. Working with Kevin on the solar and battery storage laws.

The meeting ended at 4:00pm.