

Delaware County Planning, Recreation and Culture Committee Meeting 10/15/24 at 1pm at 2 Bridge Street, Delhi NY

Present: Jerry Vernold Tina Mole'
Allen Hinkley Bill Layton
Rebecca Walley Jessica Ulmer
Shelly Johnson-Bennett

Motion by Bill Layton to approve the September meeting minutes, seconded by Jerry Vernold. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sophia and Nick would like to attend the Upper Susquehanna Conservation Alliance meeting on November 6, 2024 in Cortland. Motion by Jerry Vernold to approve, seconded by Allen Hinkley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel: We will have a to fill vacancy form at the November Committee meeting to hire an intern for Winter Break. An interview for the Grants Manager II is scheduled for tomorrow.

FEMA/CDBG: Shelly will meet with Ray regarding snow removal. Elations is up to date. There are new staff at the State. We have received the reimbursement for the costs of purchasing the homes. Shelly reported the reimbursements we will be receiving. We need more information from DPW.

Housing Grant: We have received an extension.

O'Connor R.R. Grant: We are working with CRC and Don Bishop. We have contracted with C&S. The IDA and the Pasternak Foundation will be funding the project as well.

County Comp Plan: We continue to work on public outreach with the consultant as well as promoting through social media to get the survey out. We are planning to do a Halloween Open House at our new building to invite people in to do the survey. The Committee approved us sending all of the County employees the survey. We will email the Superintendants of schools.

Sophia is researching the interest of the municipalities to apply for AED grants.

2024 CFA: Sean is working on the Walton Riverwalk. We are waiting for the Village to sign the contract.

SWIMS: We will be submitting an updated/revised work plan.

Hurricane Debby: The RPA was submitted for the town of Andes for debris removal. DPW is meeting with the Highway Supers and will let them know that we available to assist them if they need it.

WSA: Nick and Sean are going to the meetings. November 19, 2024 is the Stakeholder meeting regarding the fourth side agreement.

We are seeking to have a Farm Transition program that will allow WAC to make a working landscape again. Many of the lands have gone fallow. Shelly will be talking to Ryan about this.

CWT: Negotiations meeting is November 19, 2024 in Arkville. The Land Use Ag. Meeting is this Friday in Arkville. We are not supporting the subdivision regulation changes that have been

proposed. We are working with Kevin on the new easement language. Nick has been attending the regular meetings.

CWC: The Sustainability Study RFP will be re-bid. We are working to include some changes to the Septic and Stormwater programs for the fourth side agreement. Core land acquisition has been reduced.

SAP: The valuation committee has come up with a value formula for licensing lands. The Enforcement has not been decided yet.

DEP: Spencer is evaluating lands that can be used for solar. The Environmental groups are pushing back on the clearing of lands. Kevin will be meeting with Eric Goldstein.

The Wetlands comments were submitted.

ST8: Reviewing CLCPA programs. It is still not known how the building codes will be enforced regarding electric stoves, electric hookups, etc.

Newmark and NYSEG continue their work regarding the new solar and battery tech development they are proposing as part of the federal Tech Hub. We have applied for a grant to develop a program to address cell tower development.

Sidney Culvert Project: The kick off meeting is in two weeks with FEMA, DSHS and DPW. We will bid it out in the Spring. Shelly is working with Jeremy regarding reimbursement and an MOU.

Sidney Soccer Field Project: Buyout parcels might be able to be used as a parking lot on River Street.

UDRTC/FUDR: An RFP was sent out for the UDR Watershed Network Re-Grant Program.

CCE: The interim, Nancy Grotavent would like to meet with Shelly. They received a grant to contract to do a manure injection. Shelly and Glenn will review the proposals.

LFA: Kent is working on the Village of Stamford culvert replacement.

Roxbury LFA: There is a possible buyout for a hamlet project. Ned is working with Jess on updating the SCMP in the West and East Branch.

S&W: We are working with S&W on negotiating the contract with DEP. We are doing a damage assessment from the 8/9/24 flood. We will be putting the information into the CEMP for future funding from FEMA. Shelly called property owners to try to find an eligible property for funding available; however, no one met the required amount of damage to their property.

AFPB: The soils list is being put together. The next meeting is October 24th.

HMP: Shelly will be meeting with the Highway Supers to re-introduce the Plans to them.

Drone: We are working on the policies and procedures. Shelly will meet with Carra. The DJI software is working well and is amazing.

ST8: Theresa has been attending the meetings.

ARC: The money leftover from last year will be redistributed. Eight projects have been submitted. November 8th is the meeting to decide which projects will go forward. The eight Planning Directors have been invited to the NYBEST Conference in Pittsburgh.

E.D./IDA: Sean had been attending the meetings. Spencer and Josh are working on the tourism data for the webpage.

EMS: Spencer is working on the 911 data. We are looking into have a GIS platform for EMS to access data from the State. The M-ARK Project has a Program for the 8/9/24 flooding.

DPW: We are waiting for invoices from DPW so that we can submit for reimbursement for the flood buyout. We are working on the BLA for this property for the re-sale of the old building.

FEMA met with Shelly. The program is not set up for rural communities. It has been requested to have another meeting.

Shelly updated the Committee on the Landscape Architect projects Sean is working on; as well as the TPAS Projects the staff is working on and the Solar projects in the County.

State Climate Change Committee: Kent continues to work with the Climate Smart Communities.

Motion by Bill Layton to adjourn, seconded by Rebecca Walley. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 2:40pm.