Delaware County Planning, Recreation, Culture and Community Committee Meeting 7/15/25 at 1pm at 2 Bridge Street, Delhi NY

Present: Rebecca Walley Allen Hinkley

Bill Layton Jerry Vernold
Jim Ellis Nick Carbone

Tina Mole' Shelly Johnson-Bennett

Kent Manuel Jessica Ulmer

Elizabeth DeFalco

Motion by Allen Hinkley to approve the June Committee Meeting minutes, seconded by Rebecca Walley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jerry Vernold to enter into executive session at 1:05pm, seconded by Becky Walley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jerry Vernold to exit executive session at 2:35pm, seconded by Becky Walley. All in favor. Motion carried.

2026 Budget: the Department will need new printers, a new copier and a new plotter. Josh is looking into buying versus leasing. ST8 2026 fee will increase to \$16,484.00.

Project Updates

The interns are almost done with Middletown. They are working on a Prairie Grass project as well as remediation plantings on the flood buyout properties. Josh is taking the interns out to do drone flights. Sean is working with Kevin on a Parks project.

Flood Buyout: Shelly is working on the reimbursements.

Sidney Culverts: The extension request was denied. Shelly will be appealing the decision.

Weather Station: We received quotes for the weather station purchase. We are seeking funding for the purchase.

Grants: Lynda is looking for funding for several projects including the HMGP update, funding for Colchester to digitize their cemetery database and funding for the Planting project. Lynda is working with the local pools regarding the SWIMS program.

Drone: The policies have been submitted to Personnel. Josh has been doing several flights every week.

WSA: Nick updated the Committee regarding CSAP, acquisition, UDRTC and CWC. Shelly talked about the Sustainability Study and that information from the municipal assessors will be needed.

Parks: Sean is working on the Delhi Pool and Park as well as the Open Space Inventory with Theresa.

TPAS: Kent reported on the towns and villages projects and Comprehensive Plan updates. The draft County Comprehensive Plan is being reviewed.

Jerry and Shelly discussed the East Branch Levy.

Motion by Jerry Vernold to adjourn, seconded by Bill Layton. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 3:15pm.