

Planning Committee Meeting March 9, 2023 at 1pm at the Del. Co. Hwy. Bldg.

Present: Jeff Taggart
Bill Layton
Allen Hinkley
Jerry Vernold

Shelly Johnson-Bennett
Jim Ellis
Kent Manuel
Elisabeth DeFalco (the Reporter)

The Committee approved February's minutes.

Motion by Jerry Vernold to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Bill Layton. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting continued at 1:40pm.

Resolutions: 2023 IRT, Shelly included info in the packets handed out to the Committee. The Committee would like the General Fund account to be used until we receive the grant money if; if we do receive the grant money. Motion by Bill Layton to approve, seconded by Jerry Vernold. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mowing: The company who did the mowing last year extended their contract for this year.

Snowmobile: Jess and Kent will be attending an online conference on the 23rd. Shelly received a letter from the Hamden Hill Ridge Riders denying them access to two DEP parcels that they had applied for permits for. There are other parcels that DEP has permitted the clubs to use for trails so Shelly is going to use that in the argument with NYC regarding easement language since these policies are contradictory and inconsistent.

Covid: May 11th will be the last effective date of the pandemic. All pandemic related requirements will be lifted.

WSA: An interview with the one applicant for the Grants Manager I will be scheduled with Nick comes back from his leave.

Housing Grant: We were given an extension for the \$50,000 grant since we are aligning it with the County Comp Plan. The Housing Grant will pay for the Housing Analysis.

Railroad Project: We are working on putting an RFP together. Shelly needs to talk with Todd Pascarella regarding tying in the Pasternak money with the O'Connor money. Amy from the O'Connor Foundation is waiting for a letter of commitment from Todd to release the grant money so that we can send out the RFP.

County Comp Plan: Shelly re-submitted the ARC grant for the money to do the Comp Plan. Once that is secured an RFP can be sent out.

CWT: They are participating in the negotiations and working on the SAP Program with us. They are having contract issues with DEP. They are working with Kevin on the new easement language. We are looking to add language regarding renewable energy sources to go on NYC land. Renewable Laws would be a better title to these laws. Nick has been participating in the CWT meetings. Nick will be looking into when CWT members have to be re-elected and officers.

CWC: February 14th was the working group with DEP and the contract holders. Another meeting will be schedule to go through the contract issues. Shelly and Kevin are working with Jason Merwin on a contract with SUNY Buffalo.

Stakeholders: A tour is going to be organized at the end of April for the SAP alternative sites. We have made a proposal not to allow any more than 500 acres per year in the West of Hudson. We have not received a response from any of the agencies. Will be meeting with the Catskill Center to go over the SAP proposal prior to our Stakeholder meeting on March 30th.

Climate Change Initiative: Spencer is still working on mapping to find eligible properties. Shelly will have him add transmission lines as one of the variables. We are working with ST8 on the CLCPA Programs. Kent promoted a training on heat pumps.

UDRTC and FUDR: There is a meeting scheduled for next Thursday. Jen Gargliano from DEP will be there to discuss the Cannonsville shut down for the Fall of 2023 that will start in October.

CCE: Mandeep and Shelly are working on setting up a meeting. Shelly will have them set up at the IRT with their nutrition plans.

Soil & Water: Nothing new. There will be a PAC meeting March 29th.

AFPB: Resolution passed for Ag. District #6. We received a letter inviting us to participate in an Ag Summit Quarterly meeting. Kent has signed up to be the representative.

IT: Josh is working with IT planning the move to the new building. On-going issues with the Auto Cad billing and Adobe licenses. All IT contact goes through Josh. Josh has been working with IT to develop a website for the IRT.

HMPs: We will be advertising for three interns. Shelly will have Jeff sign the Authorization to Fill Vacancy once it has been prepared. Spencer met with the Harpersfield Highway Super to work on what format the information will be in. Meredith will be next.

Drone: The new drone was ordered and we do not have an update of when it will be here. DPW would like us to fly over an area in Lordville for a bridge project as soon as we can. The Drone Committee meeting was February 10th. Steve has proposed having a training for all of the County pilots. The cost is \$18,000. Shelly has log books for everyone who will be flying the drone. We could use Soil & Water's or Emergency Services drones. Jim Ellis would like a pilot in IT as well as be able to do the maintenance on the County's drones. There will have to be an HR discussion on the compensation for pilots working outside of their regular hours.

Delaware Opportunities: We are working with them on the IRT and the volunteers.

CPB: The RFP for the Fleishmanns Railroad project will go out once Shelly has worked out the grant funds with Todd and Amy. We will be working on the RFP for the County Comp Plan that will include the Housing Study.

ST8: Nothing new with the Broadband Study. The ARC 2023 round has been advertised. There were informational meetings available via Zoom. Shelly will be writing letters of support as requested. The \$25,000 ARC grant for Sheffield Estates was awarded and there will be a re-use study done.

IRT: Shelly explained to the Committee all of the medical services that will be available. It will be July 10th - 21st. July 11th is their soft opening so it will only be open in the afternoon. The EOC will start operating on the 10th in the New Hope Church. We will be getting credit for setting it up like a drill. IT is going to use a booster for Verizon service. Public Health will be having a drill next Wednesday, Kent will be attending it. Jess Vecione will be posting some info in Spanish.

FEMA Buyout:

CDBG Buyout: Once DPW gets the asbestos release they can start demos. We need the revised PA(programmatic agreement) to proceed without historic salvage. GOSR will be sending a letter that will state that we can proceed without the PA. GOSR is working with the sub-contractors on elations to work out how to reimburse us those lump sums. We have not spent any money since the last meeting and we have not received any. The third SRA has been signed by Amy and sent in. The SRA is taking the money out that was funded to us for the elevations.

Transportation Study: Via has gathered information and is drafting recommendations. There has not been a meeting in few months. Shelly has checked with Ray that the work is being done before we pay the invoices. Dennis Valente has also said that the work is being done.

ED/IDA: Sean has been working on the Sheffield Estates. We are providing mapping support for tourism and projects as needed. Tabitha is working with us on the swag bags for the IRT. Sean will be working on a project in Sidney similar to Shelfield Estates.

LA projects: Walking trails are on hold. Walton Water St project is on-going. We are waiting for funding for the Junction Pool Boat Launch. We are waiting for the stones to be set for Poorhouse Cemetery. Hancock Dog Park drainage issue is being looked into. Sean will be working on design to tie the charging stations in with the dog park. Sean is looking into what a Parks department would entail. There has been discussion about a possible design for the Delhi pool park. There may be possible work to do at the new admin DPW building.

TPAS: Spencer and Josh are working on the Village of Hancock water project mapping; Deposit comp plan and renewable energy and solar law; Kent is working with Andes on updating their Comp Plan as well as Bovina; looking for funding for the Town of Hancock Levy; we provided maps to Chris Gross to use regarding Town of Hancock Point Mt project; Sean is working on the Hamden Comp Plan; Hancock Partners access to the Upper Delaware we have not heard anything; haven't heard anything on the Meredith Solar Project; Harpersfield Solar Projects are waiting for SWPPPs; the Hancock Solar Project has been withdrawn; Town of Delhi Bramley Mt Fire Tower; no update on Dirt Road Camp; Town of Sidney zoning revisions

State Climate Control Committee: no update.

The meeting ended at 4:00pm