

Planning Committee Meeting May 11, 2023 at 1pm at the Del. Co. Hwy. Bldg.

Present: Jeff Taggart	Shelly Johnson-Bennett
Bill Layton	Nick Carbone
Allen Hinkley	Audrey Benkenstein
Jerry Vernold	Elisabeth DeFalco (the Reporter)
Jessica Ulmer	

Personnel: Shelly introduced our new staff, Audrey Benkenstein; she has filled the Grants Manager position.

Mowing: There have been a few complaints. The company who is doing the mowing asked if we would like to extend the contract to adding leaf cleanup in the Fall. Motion by Jeff Taggart to disapprove the leaf cleanup, seconded by Bill Layton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Snowmobile Grant: Jessica has been working on getting the club's info for reimbursement. Jeff asked if the trails are open for side by sides. They would have to get the landowner's permission.

COVID: Everything has been lifted and there hasn't been any reporting.

WSA: Nothing new on Early Warning Systems. The Housing Grant was extend to June 2024. Jeff talked about how the long-term rentals are affecting the housing availability. Shelly said that these issues will be addressed in the Study. Jeff also mentioned how there are homes being built that are unknown to the towns.

O'Connor RR: Shelly talked to Todd and he has Pasternak money to match O'Connor money. Amy wants to verify scope before we send out the RFP. We will involve Todd with the County Planning Board.

County Comp Plan: We have been approved for \$150,000 from ARC to match the ARP money. Audrey will be working on the funding as well as funding for IRT.

WAC: The last meeting there were 7 new applications. There are 1400 acres in the Easement Program. We will discuss this at the CORE Group meeting.

CWT: We had a Stakeholders meeting Monday in Arkville. Rick Coontz likes the idea of a Program that all of the communities can get behind. The towns have adopted a resolution in support of the County's resolution.

CWC: The CWC Board will be bringing SUNY professors to do Community Sustainability Study to develop a scope of service to do the bidding.

NYS Stakeholders: March meeting was well attended. There will be another meeting on the 17th in New Kingston.

Climate Change Initiative: ST8 programs 360 issue on solid wastes. We are available to write a letter. Spencer is assessing City owned lands to use for renewable energy.

UDRTC: Jen Gorgliano did a presentation about repairing the aqueduct.

CCE: nothing new; Mandeep is on maternity leave.

S&W: nothing new with SMP; they are still in design review. They are working with us on SAP and they are working on contract negotiations.

AGFPB: nothing new.

IT: Josh is working with IT to plan the move. The new space looks nice and has plenty of space and looks efficient. Planning and DPW will be installing a weather station on the roof of the new building to report to the National Weather Service. Jim and Shelly have been talking about a Bubbler System to be installed. Jim Brewster has two weather stations in storage that we may be able to use. Jim will have his staff install it. Nick has his remote space was hooked up during his leave. Audrey is having email issues and there is an issue with Adobe licenses. The IRT webpage will be launched next week.

HMP: There are no approved applications yet for interns. Shelly's daughter will be applying and hopefully DeLaney will apply as well. Spencer has maps ready for Meredith and Franklin will be next.

Drone: We have not received our new drone yet. It is held up in customs. Jim Ellis talked to Joe DeMauro and if no federal money has been used to purchase it, it can be released. We used County money not federal money so we sent the resolution and letter to IT so they can send it to DJI to release it from customs. Steve and Shelly talked about the procedure and training requirements. EMS needs to fly the drone to check the software. Josh and Steve worked on it to have it charged and updated. We will be using ARP money to do a training for \$10,000. The people who will be doing the training are from a Program in Philadelphia.

D.O.: IRT

CPB: RFP, Jessica did draft RFPs.

ST8: Jeff attended his first meeting with Shelly. Delaware County is doing better than other counties regarding Broadband. Shelly wrote two letters of support for ARC applications. We are available for assistance regarding Sheffield Estates.

IRT: the final planning was discussed the last week of April. Shelly informed the Committee of all of the medical procedures that will be available. We are still searching for tables to use for the Thank You dinner on July 20th. Bill Layton suggested calling the Hardwood Hills Golf Course. Jeff suggested Jonah Shaw for the catering. Jamie Archibald was also mentioned for tables.

GOSR Buyout: Shelly is working on the reimbursement and DPW have hired out the demos.

Transportation Study: Via has completed the Plan. Shelly and Kent are reviewing the Plan. Kent will go to the meeting for the presentation.

ED/IDA: Sheffield Estates Sean is working on. Junction Pool has no funding to move forward. There is a new IDA project in Sidney that Sean will be working on.

DPW: demo scheduling.

LA Projects: Shelly updated the Committee on the projects Sean is working on. Jeff suggested getting some extra people to help put the stones out for the Poor House Cemetery; maybe boy scouts and use some buggies.

The SUNY Delhi Leadership Team has asked Shelly to be on the Board. There is a meeting May 22nd at 4pm.

Shelly updated the Committee on all of the TPAS Projects being worked on. Allen mentioned the Comp Plan contract for Roxbury.

State Climate Change Committee: Nothing new; bi-weekly meetings with ST8 for State Initiative.

Powerline: Intervener Status; five towns, Jerry is okay with Hancock being included to have all in one.

The meeting ended at 4:30pm.