

Delaware County Planning, Recreation and Culture Committee Meeting 8/20/24 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 approve the July meeting minutes, seconded by Bill Layton. All in favor. Motion carried.

The VHB contract options were reviewed. Allen and Jerry agreed to take full conversion to the Finance Committee as a special project request.

VIA transportation POF. No progress.

P.I.O.: NYS damage tool downloaded into our GIS to map assessments received. 91 damages. Coordinator-not done by State with County. Steve looking into why it was done differently this time. State went direct to town; Allen will have hwy super send damage info to us. Shelly overviewd century 21 bridge program and how that effects FEMA finding. Eligibility of income for 50K repair \$.

Clean Path: Road Use Agreement update received today. Won't supercede local application of any other road use/hwy laws.

Unknowns of battery storage, Fire/EMS concerns from local companies.

FEMA/CDBG Buyout: Shelly updated the Committee on the mowing and financials of the buyout as well as complaints received regarding parked vehicles on the buyout lots.

The Committee discussed the desire to have a Parks Program and staff to get a handle on all buyout properties, not just Sidney. Deposit example where property was turned over to the village, need to keep monitoring and get FEMA compliance for any site changes.

Grants:

Snowmobile grant is due September 1, 2024.

The consultants continue to work on the Housing Study to align it with the County Comp Plan.

We are working with CRC and Don Bishop to address the needs for the O'Connor Railroad Grant Project. We received proposals on the Fleischmanns Freight House RFP. The County Planning Board has reviewed the proposals and have narrowed it down to three of them.

We continue to work with the consultants on the County Comp Plan. We have been scheduling public outreach activities and handing out items to promote the publics participation in the process.

We are researching grant funds for AED compliance at local parks in the County on behalf of the towns and villages.

Sean continues to work on the CFA award for the Walton recreation area and riverwalk. We may have possible application for the 2025 CFA round. The SWIM grant for lifeguard support has been submitted.

Motion by Jerry Vernold to enter into executive session at 2:00 pm, seconded by Bill Layton. All in favor. Motion carried. Shelly discussed Personnel with the Committee as well as the NYC Negotiations and the possibility of a Parks Program. Motion by Jerry Vernold to exit executive session at 3:15pm, seconded by Bill Layton.

WAC: Sean and Nick are attending the meetings. We continue to work with WAC regarding NYC negotiations. We are working on the development of white papers and proposals for Farm Transition, Firewood bank and a change in unanimous consent requirements for the easement committee along with additional staff autonomy.

CWT: Participating in negotiations. The next meeting is September 6th in Arkville. Elections were held on August 19th. Ric Combe will continue as chair, Dave Kukle as Vice Chari, Cher Wohl as secretary and Bud Gladstone as Treasurer. We are working on the Ag. Land Use contract issues. The next meeting will be in October. We continue to work on SAP and LAP changes. We have made the final determination that we will not support changes to the subdivision law and they will need to use the existing waiver process in the laws. We are working with Kenvin on new easement language. Our comments that we will not support the NRDCs request to remove the sustainability language have been submitted. Nick has been attending the monthly meetings.

CWC: The Community Sustainability Study Scope of work RFP is being prepared to be sent out. We are working on some changes to the Septic and Stormwater programs.

NYC Stakeholders: The next meeting is September 6th in Arkville. We continue to pursue reduced core acquisition. Spencer is looking at the impact of additional acquisition in priority area 3 and will present our findings. The draft license has been approved in principal regarding SAP negotiations and the value formula for licensing lands. All technical work will be done by SWCD. The County, CWT and NYS are all in agreement on the new easement language. Spencer has been looking at DEP lands to counter the City study that says 1,000 of the 158,000 acres could be developed with solar. Kevin and Jeff are working with the Env. Groups regarding the amount of acreage to clear cut. Shiloh Williams, who has taken Dave Warne's position has agreed to meet with Tina, Nick and Shelly this Friday.

Climate Change Initiatives: Spencer continues to map City owned lands that could be used for solar. The comment period for the wetland regulations is open until September. We are working with ST8 on the review of the CLCPA programs. Newmark and NYSEG are working on new solar and battery tech development they are proposing in the region as part of the federal Tech Hub designation. We send a letter of support to ST8 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 to develop a proposal to create model solar and battery storage laws. NY ConnectAll reached out to Shelly regarding Delaware County being identified as one of the counties that NY would like to see federal dollars used to expand cell service.

Sidney Culvert Project: A contract will be sent to the County by DHSES to take over the project. Shelly requested a change in the State contract to make the County the direct recipient of the reimbursement rather than an MOU with the Village for reimbursement.

Sidney Soccer Field Project: The Town is taking the project over from the Village. the MOU is being reviewed by the legal counsel.

UDRTC: FUDR is still seeking match for their projects. Continued monitoring of the future shut down of the reservoirs for repairs. The DEC policy determination that the lands under the river are not controlled as deeded rights to any landowner was discussed at the UDRTC meeting and we may send a letter after the meeting with the DEC attorney.

CCE: Paul Cerosaletti will be assisting in helping with Ag. Representation on the AFPB and CORE Group.

SWCD: LFAs for the Village of Stamford and the Town of Roxbury. We will be updating the SCMPOS for both the East and West branches. NYC and SWCD are negotiating the new contract for SCMP. We may be helping with emergency permitting or projects after the August 9th flood. We will be incorporating damage assessments from SWCD after the flood into AHMP and County-wide damage assessment for future FEMA funds.

AFPB: Developing a list of soils of County-wide importance to ag.

IT: Open tickets are being completed. We are waiting on a new computer for the final installation of the smartboard.

HMP: Spencer and the intern continue to move through the towns. We will be attending a Highway Superintendents meeting to update the towns on the plans, the inventory process and the best practices for highway infrastructure management.

Drone: We are still trying to schedule a meeting with Carra about policies and job descriptions/duties. We have received the LiDar base station and the DGI Terra software.

CPB: The Board continue to work with the consultants on the County Comp Plan and the Housing Study.

ST8: Theresa continues to participate in broadband meetings. The fees will increase to \$16,450 for next year.

Ec.Dev: Sean continues to attend meetings. Spencer continues to work on the tourism interactive webpage.

Em. Services: Spencer continues to work on the new 911 data. We need to look at the possibility of having a GIS viewing platform for EMS so they can access data being developed by the State. We are looking at any possible funding as a result of the August 9th storms.

DPW: The water damaged ceiling tiles in our office have been replaced. We will be retiring the Ford Fusion being that our new vehicle will be delivered to us today.

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

SUNY Delhi: The cancelled meeting from April has not been rescheduled yet.

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

State Climate Change Committee: Kent continues to work with Climate Smart Communities. ST8 has been supporting community applications. Theresa has been reviewing materials on renewable energy. We are looking at a proposal to partner with DEP on renewable energy on City owned lands.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.