

Delaware County Planning, Recreation, Culture and Community Committee Meeting 2/18/25 at 1pm
at 2 Bridge Street, Delhi NY

Present: Jim Ellis Allen Hinkley Rebecca Walley
Shelly Johnson-Bennett Elizabeth DeFalco Lynda Ginart

Motion by Jim Ellis to approve the January meeting minutes, seconded by Allen Hinkley. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Ellis to go into executive session at 1:05pm, seconded by Allen Hinkley. All in favor.
Motion carried. Guest Attendee: DCSWCD -Graydon Dutcher

Motion by Jim Ellis to exit executive session at 2:21 pm, seconded by Allen Hinkley. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Personnel: Planning/Parks - Replacement/New hire positions approved:
Environmental Technician; Planner and Landscape Architect. Also 2 summer intern slots.

Flood Buyout: Shelly is working with DPW and GOSR to get documentation from Casella regarding a subcontractor they used for reimbursement. Force account labor reimbursements are still under review.

SWIM Grant: We are waiting for the contract to be signed and have not received it yet.

ARC: has approved the use of funds for tax parcel mapping conversion as an implementation project.

WSA: CWC is working on the Community Sustainability Study RFP as well as the Septic Program. NY state proposed legislation changes re: phosphorous levels not finalized. Kevin is working on white paper & board resolution in objection to possible increase in phosphorous level restrictions.

State Climate Change Committee: Kent continues to participate. CLCPA: Climate change initiative. What is the impact on Plumbing/Elec codes/code enforcement/Fire Inspections? Any zoning changes. Impact on housing restoration or development costs.

Sidney Culvert Project: Shelly and Graydon are working on this project; need to schedule kick-off meeting with permittees. An extension request has been submitted to FEMA.

UDRTC/FUDR: FUDR received funding for a County Bridge and Fish Creek stabilization. Molly is working on matching funds sourcing. Possible April meeting scheduled to discuss the fishing rights on the river with NYS DEC.

CCE: Paul Ceroselleti is managing the project for SWCD< WAC and CCE. Currently he is sponsoring several farmer meetings to do the manure injection.

S&W: They are moving forward with Stamford LFA. The Stamford property owner has accepted the NYC DEP appraisal offer allowing the culvert project to proceed. A CWC grant has been submitted for the Walton school bus garage feasibility study.

AFPB: Ag and Markets is working with Eklund's on their Solar project. A new solar project in Delhi has been proposed at the Macfarlands property on County Route 18. Ag board meeting in March will host Senator Oberacker to discuss the impact of renewable energy projects on ag. lands.

FEMA-BRIC hazard mitigation applications due Feb 28th & HMPG due in April for the All Hazards Mitigation Plan update

Drone: There are 5 new pilots; all licenses have been renewed and filed through Penny. Policy Protocols write-up pending. Possibly defined by type: Standard / Emergency / etc.

Delaware Opportunities: No Updates

CPB: Housing Study is done and the draft plan for the Fleischmanns Freight House. CPB is reviewing both documents.

ST8: Sophia Picco has been appointed as Eco Dev as their representative on the board.

ED/IDA: Sean attends the meetings. We are assisting with applications as needed. Spencer is working on the tourism interactive project.

Shelly updated the Committee on the Landscape Architect projects Sean is working on.

SUNY Delhi: Housing summit held. Approx. 55 attendees. Housing shortage across NYS. Realtor stated 33,000 homes for sale in all of NYS. Cap Gains tax issues of 2nd homes, realtors putting legislature forward to modify the tax law.

Short-term Rentals: NYS law changed to register with Counties instead of the State. We will have to get more clarity regarding local zoning regulation impacts and who is responsible for the registry at the county level.

Regional IRT: scheduled to be held at Broome Community College. If Broome County has difficulty holding IRT, Delaware County is on standby to instead hold IRT at Walton High School provided advance notice.

DPW – request for a sign on the 2 Bridge St building, no update. Shelly advised building is also slated to receive swipe card entry access soon.

Motion by Jim Ellis to adjourn, seconded by Rebecca Walley. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 4:20 pm.