

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

10:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

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| COMMITTEE: | Robin K. Lattimer, Chair John V. Malter | K. Michael Hanna, Vice Chair Robert V. Nichols | Dan C. Farrand |
| STAFF: | Jack K. Wheeler Eric Rose | Mitchell Alger Jennifer Prossick | Amy Dlugos |
| LEGISLATORS: | Joseph J. Hauryski Steven Maio | Carol A. Ferratella | Hilda T. Lando |
| OTHERS: | Larkin Podsiedlik, Cornell Cooperative Extension James Johnson, Steuben County Industrial Development Agency Jill Staats, Steuben County Industrial Development Agency Mary Perham Jeff Smith, <i>The Leader</i> Tom Ryan | | |

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lattimer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Smith to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2017, AND MARCH 27, 2017, MEETINGS MADE BY MR. MALTER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. NICHOLS ABSENT FOR VOTE)

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Planning

1. **Accepting the Environmental Assessment for Woodlands Community, Inc.** – Mrs. Dlugos requested authorization to accept the environmental assessment for the Woodlands Community, Inc. water and sewer improvement project. She commented there were no significant findings.

MOTION: ACCEPTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY, INC. WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

2. **Approving the Addition of Agricultural Lands to Certified Agricultural Districts** – Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that they have 33 parcels representing 2,500 acres to add to various agricultural districts throughout the County.

MOTION: APPROVING THE ADDITION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS TO CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. NICHOLS. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

3. **Wind Projects** – Ms. Lattimer asked for an update on the Eight Point Wind Project? Mrs. Dlugos stated she met with representatives a few weeks ago. They are in the process of getting a feel for the area, the demographics, etc. This project will be in the Towns of West Union, Greenwood, and Troupsburg.

IV. OUTSIDE AGENCIES

A. Steuben County Industrial Development Agency

1. **Activity Update**

- *Wind Projects* - Mr. Johnson stated that they have also been talking with representatives from the Eight Point Wind project. He stated he will be attending the Greenwood town board meeting in May and also the Troupsburg town board meeting to discuss the PILOT program. At this point, no applications have been received.

The Baron Project in Wayland and Cohocton is moving along. The Canisteo wind project is the furthest behind as they are working through issues relative to infrastructure needs in the community. We are dealing with the need to build transmission lines through a community that does not have the wind turbines. We are working with the community to see how the PILOT structure could benefit them from the transmission lines. Typically, we have never had to deal with that. Additionally, we need to see how the Article 10 requirements will marry up with SEQR. The question is can we just adopt Article 10? We need to look at the legality of having a separate PILOT from the wind PILOT which will just cover the transmission line. That will be calculated differently.

- *Advance Transit Manufacturing* – Mr. Johnson stated that Advance Transit Manufacturing was recently bought out by the PKC Group. He recently met with the new owner. This is a global company that makes wiring harnesses. We are very excited about this opportunity. This begins to justify all of the work we have done with the Hornell Industrial Development Agency on the transit component. There is opportunity to grow in the Hornell market.
- *PARIS Report* - Mr. Johnson stated they submitted their PARIS Report, which is the annual reporting requirement for the State. This shows the jobs created and the benefits realized. We also gather additional information including payroll. He will present the findings to the committee in June.
- *Corning Hospital* – Mr. Johnson stated work on the gas line should start soon and then the tower can come down. Work is currently on schedule for the nursing school.
- *Corning Hotel Project* – Mr. Johnson stated construction is going, although slow. The site management plan requires Department of Health (DOH) comments and those were just received this week, and now they are able to move forward.
- *Phillips* – Mr. Johnson stated we have been talking with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and they feel that Phillips is not committed, or engaged, in moving this forward in a timely manner. They are in the process of cleaning up flashbulb waste that was recently uncovered. There is an access issue with installing test wells. They continue to put pressure on Phillips and we are talking with staff at Congressman Reed’s office to try to encourage them to move forward.
- *Family Life Network* – Mr. Johnson stated they will be attending the Erwin Town Planning Board meeting in early June to get site plan approval. Family Life Network has indicated that they will do the project in phases.

- *Village of Hammondsport Waste Water Project* – Mr. Johnson stated the Village did a waste water engineering study and did testing in March. The report will be sent to the State for review. The Village would like to install waste water infrastructure in the downtown area and it would only serve the downtown area. This is a \$1.2 million project.
- *New Projects* – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that they have had a number of new leads regarding potential projects that are actively looking at locations in Erwin, Painted Post, Bath and Wayland. There have been actual site visits.
- *Kraft* – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that they continue to be actively engaged with Kraft and are working with the State.
- *Website* – Mr. Johnson announced they received a grant from NYSEG to upgrade their website and communications tools. With the new upgrades, it will allow us to gain a better understanding of who is looking at our website

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Yearling Buck Protection Initiative* – Mr. Ryan stated that he is here today representing the Steuben County Federation of Sportsmen. A bill was introduced by Senator O’Mara and Assemblyman Woerner proposing mandatory antler restrictions. This did not go through the Fish & Wildlife Board and the Farm Bureau is against it as well. Additionally, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) was not aware of this bill. He stated he is here today to ask for support to oppose this proposal.

Mr. Ryan stated he believes there will be bad consequences if this is passed. Our area is a destination for deer hunters and this could be an economic issue. The DEC uses facts and science to develop their management plans. Mr. Malter asked will this affect nuisance permits? Mr. Ryan replied no.

Mr. Wheeler stated if you do a memorializing resolution, it will be three weeks before it will be done. This committee could recommend the Chairman of the Legislature draft a letter and we can email and/or fax it within the next couple of days.

MOTION: RECOMMENDING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE WRITE A LETTER OPPOSING THE PROPOSED YEARLING BUCK PROTECTION INITIATIVE MADE BY MR. MALTER. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. *Oak Wilt* – Ms. Lattimer stated the Legislature should have received an email from Legislator Mullen regarding an Oak Wilt quarantine. Canandaigua is the closest area to us.

C. *Buildings & Grounds Recognition* – Ms. Lattimer stated that she would like to compliment Mr. Rose and his staff for the great job they are doing keeping things looking great at our buildings.

D. *Committee Goals* – Ms. Lattimer commented that the priority for this committee is the construction of the New County Office Building and Records Storage Facility. We also are developing the Hornell DMV building and working on doing something with the Hornell Courthouse.

E. *New Building Update* – Mr. Wheeler stated at last month’s Legislative Meeting, the board took action to add a third floor shell to the new building, if it falls within our budget. We had a meeting with all of the primary contractors and it is anticipated that it will not result in a substantial change to the contracts for Plumbing, HVAC and Electrical. The real cost will be with the general contractor with regard to steel and concrete. LaBella and Werth have put together a narrow scope for the addition. Mr. Wheeler stated for next week, we are expecting to get the estimated pricing. At that point, we will know if the addition will be within budget. Everything is moving along well. He stated the houses are already down.

He stated that he will advise the committee of the final number and if there are any concerns, he will report back.

F. *Cornell Cooperative Extension* – Ms. Podsiedlik stated that June 2nd they will be holding their fundraiser, which will be a backyard barbeque along with a pie eating contest at Heritage Village.

G. *Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau* – Mrs. Lando announced that they have hired a new director, Kevin Costello, who will be starting April 10th. Also, we have the potential for big publicity as the Travels with Darley PBS show will be filming in our area in July or September. Mrs. Dlugos stated this will be a half-hour program on PBS. We will get to keep the video and this will be good exposure for our area. Mrs. Lando stated they will be calling the show “Age of Innovation”. She stated the representatives from the Conference & Visitors' Bureau also went to the Philadelphia Flower Show and are partnering with Corning Museum of Glass.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. NICHOLS. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR**
Wednesday, May 3, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

**Please send your agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Wednesday, April 26, 2017.**