



Sullivan County Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee

May 11, 2017 AGENDA

12:30 PM

Committee Members:

Catherine Owens, Chair, Nadia Rasjz, Vice-Chair, Mark McCarthy, Terri Ward, Scott Samuelson

Call to Order

Attendance

Comments: Committee Chair

Presentation: None

Reports:

1. Office of Sustainable Energy – Heather Brown
2. Parks and Recreation- Brian Scardefield
3. Agricultural Report- Melinda Meddaugh

Discussion: None

Resolutions:

1. To reappoint two (2) members of the Sullivan County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Public Comment

Adjourn



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Sullivan County Office of Sustainable Energy Monthly Report for April 2017

Inquiries with regard to the new EV Charging Infrastructure Reimbursement Program have been received from two municipalities and one library district. The first round of applications is due by May 25, 2017.

OSE has reached out to several departments and is in the process of forming an internal "green team." The purpose of this group will be to coordinate the efforts of key departments and identify areas where the County can implement sustainable strategies to the benefit of the environment, community health, and budget. This should be viewed as an opportunity to improve communication and coordination amongst County departments and ultimately achieve greater efficiency.

OSE staff continues its progress toward documenting the County's actions and progress to date toward becoming a certified Clean Energy Community and Climate Smart Community. Certification in these programs will open several opportunities for funding that will support our initiatives related to sustainability. To date we have compiled the necessary documentation for 91 points out of a required 120 points for certification as a Climate Smart Community, with several other either completed (documentation ongoing) or in process.

An event to promote Energize NY and Solarize Sullivan was held on Tuesday, April 18th to provide information to commercial and not for profit property owners. We will continue efforts to inform the public of the availability of these programs.

The Sustainability Coordinator assisted the Commissioner of Planning in packaging and submitting an application for the NYS Department of State Resiliency Planning Grant Program.

OSE staff met with DPW Buildings staff to review information about County facilities. This is one of the first steps in the process of benchmarking our buildings' performance. The purpose of benchmarking will go beyond tracking greenhouse gas emissions. Ultimately, we envision this database as a tool to guide County staff and legislators during the decision making process for capital projects, as well as to track savings, capacity and improve overall use of our facilities.

The Coordinator attended the annual meeting of the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance, of which Sullivan County is a member. The organization is adapting to a rapidly changing and evolving energy market, and staff and board members had very good discussions about meeting the needs of consumers. The keynote

speaker was Ted Kelly, Assistant Counsel at the NYS Department of Public Service, who was able to provide significant insight into New York's REV proceedings (Reforming the Energy Vision). The REV initiative is intended to lead to regulatory changes that promote energy efficiency, greater reliance on renewable energy resources, wider deployment of "distributed" energy resources (on-site power supplies), and storage. Ultimately, REV seeks to empower customers by allowing them more choice in how they manage and consume electric energy.



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Monthly Report

Agriculture & Sustainability Committee Meeting – May 11, 2017

I have been in the process of interviewing potential candidates for seasonal positions at Fort Delaware, Lake Superior and the County Clean Team. I have filled all of the positions for Fort Delaware and should be finishing up the hiring for Lake Superior and the Clean Team soon.

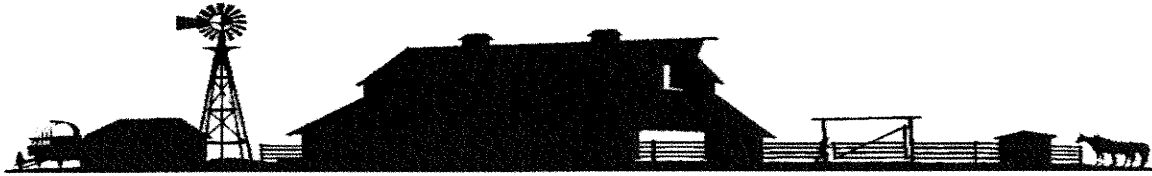
I have distributed the litter pluck bags to the Town's and Village's for the County Wide Litter Pluck May 6-14, 2017. I have received a lot of positive feedback from the municipalities in regards to the County hosting this event.

The County DPW have been busy getting the parks and facilities ready to open for the season. They have installed some new picnic tables at some of the parks; have been prepping the grounds, turned on the water and are completing general maintenance at the sites.

I met with the two members of the County Parks and Recreation Commission. Their member terms have expired, however, they would like to be reappointed. I am submitting a request for a resolution on this matter. In our discussions we discussed the possibility of finding more members to join the commission.

I met with County Manager Potosek, Town of Liberty Supervisor Barbuti and Town of Liberty Councilman Brian McPhillips in regards to the vacant Parks and Recreation Director position the Town has and the possibility of shared services between the County and the Town.

The County Parks are opening during the month of May. Fort Delaware will begin Student Days May 17th and begin opening weekends starting Memorial Day weekend and summer hours begin the last week of June. Lake Superior will also be opening weekends starting Memorial Day weekend and will also begin summer hours the last week of June.



Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

100 North Street, Monticello NY 12701

On May 4, 2017, the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board met to review applications for parcels to be included in the existing New York State Agricultural Districts during the annual thirty-day window.

A total of two (2) parcels comprising 11.51 acres were recommended for inclusion by the Board. There were three properties that were not recommended to be included into the Agricultural District, one is in the Town of Liberty, one is in the Town of Mamakating and one is in the Town of Highland. The Board determined these properties either did not meet town zoning requirements or did not show enough of a commitment to agriculture at this time. The properties that were recommended include the following:

Robert Krikorian

2094 Route 209, Westbrookville, NY 12785

Town of Mamakating

70.-1-60.5

70.-1-60.6

11.51 acres

Land used to support a horse boarding operation.

According to Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, interested landowners must submit a proposal to include "Viable Agricultural Land" within an existing certified Agricultural District. "Viable Agricultural Land" is defined in Ag and Markets Law as land highly suitable for agricultural production and which will continue to be economically feasible for such if real property taxes, farm use restrictions and speculative activities are limited to levels approximating those commercial agricultural areas not influenced by the proximity of non-agricultural development."

The Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board duly recommends that said parcels above consist predominantly of viable agricultural land and the inclusion of such land will serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district and that said parcels should be included into the existing Agricultural District #4.

Timeline:

- The County accepted applications during the 30 Day window from April 1, 2017 until April 30, 2017
- Notifications for site visit went via email and mail to municipalities on April 26, 2017.
- Site visits for landowner applications took place on May 2nd.
- Meeting of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to review and recommend parcels took place on May 2, 2017.

**COMBINED: LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM,
CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
AND RESOLUTION COVER MEMO**

To: Sullivan County Legislature

Fr: Brian Scardefield, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification

Re: Request for Consideration of a Resolution: Reappointment of members of the Sullivan County Parks and Recreation Commission

Date: April 28, 2017

Purpose of Resolution: [Provide a detailed statement of what the Resolution will accomplish, as well as a justification for approval by the Sullivan County Legislature.]

Reappoint the terms of two (2) Sullivan County Parks and Recreation Commission Members. The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to provide advice regarding the development, maintenance, and operation of county park and recreation facilities and programs.

Is subject of Resolution mandated? Explain:

Local Law No. 8 of 1977 established the Parks and Recreation Commission and its By-laws state that members are appointed to three year terms.

Does Resolution require expenditure of funds? Yes ___ No

If "Yes, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$ _____

Are funds already budgeted? Yes ___ No ___

If "Yes" specify appropriation code(s): _____

If "No", specify proposed source of funds: _____

Estimated Cost Breakdown by Source:

County	\$ _____	Grant(s)	\$ _____
State	\$ _____	Other	\$ _____
Federal Government	\$ _____	(Specify)	_____

Verified by Budget Office: 

Does Resolution request Authority to Enter into a Contract? Yes ___ No

If "Yes", provide information requested on Pages 2 and 3.

Request for Authority to Enter into Contract with [_____] of
[_____]

Nature of Other Party to Contract: .

Other:

Duration of Contract: From _____ To _____

Is this a renewal of a prior Contract? Yes ___ No ___

If "Yes" provide the following information:

Dates of prior contract(s): From _____ To _____

Amount authorized by prior contract(s): _____

Resolutions authorizing prior contracts (Resolution #s): _____

Future Renewal Options if any:

Is Subject of Contract – i.e. – the goods and/or services Mandated? Yes ___ No ___

If "Yes" cite the mandate's source; describe how this contract satisfies the requirements:

If "No" provide other justification for County to enter into this Contract: [County does not have resources in-house, best source of the subject materials, required by grant, etc.]:

Total Contract Cost for [year or contract period]: (If specific sum is not known state maximum potential cost): _____

Efforts made to find Less Costly alternative:

Efforts made to share costs with another agency or governmental entity:

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures (Bid, Request for Proposal, Quote, etc.)

Person(s) responsible for monitoring contract (Title): _____

Pre-Legislative Approvals:

- A. ^{Assistant} Director of Purchasing: Ampson Lewis Date 5/8/17
- B. Management and Budget: Janet Myers Date 5/9/17
- C. Law Department: [Signature] Date 5/8/17
- D. County Manager: [Signature] Date 5/9/17
- E. Other as Required: _____ Date _____

Vetted in _____ Committee on _____

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY AGRICULTURE & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE TO REAPPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, parks are an important resource in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 8 of 1977 established the Parks and Recreation Commission and its By-Laws state that members are appointed to three year terms; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Sullivan County Parks & Recreation Commission is to provide advice regarding the development, maintenance, and operation of county park and recreation facilities and programs; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to reappoint two (2) members to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby reappoint the following individuals to the Parks and Recreation Commission:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>
Mr. Warren Bergstrom 120 Downs Rd. Monticello, NY 12701	(1/1/17-12/31/19)
Mrs. Darlene Haas 542 State Route 55 Eldred, NY 12732	(1/1/17-12/31/19)