



**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 5:30PM**  
**Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/Nqzku5nq1IY>**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Tucker Whitman at 5:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS:** Legislators Andy Dennison, Tricia Kerr, Hans Pecher, Paul Pinckney, Mark Strong, and Ben Vitale, Keith Batman, Tim Lattimore, Elane Daly, Chair Aileen McNabb-Coleman; Gary Duckett, Doug Dello-Stritto, Brian Soper, Brittany Massi, Lacey Bailey, Rich Graham, Lindsay Wilkinson, Suzanne Gauthier, Karen Kuhl, Erin McDonald, Jodie Nickerson, Steve Lynch, Dan Walsh.

**EXCUSED:**

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:**     **January 12, 2021. Motion by Dennison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr. All in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Parks Commission**

Jim Young, 4549 Rte 34B, Union Springs, NY 13160, Term – 1/1/21 to 12/31/23

Kristina Sherman, 107 Melrose Rd., Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 1/1/21 to 12/21/23

Susan Rusinko, 111 North Marvine Ave, Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 1/1/21 to 12/31/23

**Motion by Vitale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pinckney. All in favor.**

**DISCUSSION:** It was noted by Dennison and Whitman that there seems to be a lot of representation from within the City. Dello-Stritto stated that there is also a current vacancy to be filled by the northern end of the county.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

- **Jeanine Wilson (CCWSA) – No updates**

- **Larry Roser (Weights and Measures) –**

Due to COVID-19 at a heightened level I limited my exposure to the public. I concentrated on making new folders and new spread sheets and gathering information for the New York State Annual report.

We did test 5 milk tanks to see if the charts were still correct. All 5 passed.

John B. Sensenig in IRA has a 1,250 gal. tank

Richard Stevens in Venice has a 600 gal. tank

Randy Scott in Venice has a 1,500 gal. tank

Jason Phillis in Sempronius has a 2,000 gal. tank

Charles Rameizl Jr. in Genoa has a 800 gal. tank

I had a complaint from a person in another county for some potatoes he purchased in Cayuga County at Ed & Jeans in Port Byron. The purchaser had something about the potatoes he wanted to contact the supplier about. When he called the packer on the bag of potatoes (Peaslees Vermont Potatoes), he was told they were out of business and had not bagged any potatoes in 2 years.

I went to Ed & Jeans and the potatoes seemed reasonable for this time of year, some sprouting and slightly soft but no rotten ones. I also checked the packer on the bag and called but the phone was out of order. I asked the store who their supplier was, it is Mancuso Quality Produce. I got the phone number and called them. The problem was they had bagged the potatoes but had run out of bags from their supplier. So they were using some old bags they had left over. The person packaging the product is required to put their address on the product.

They have received their correct bags and are using them now. They were instructed that if they use any but their own bags they must cross off the supplier information and put their address on the bags. They understood and will not use anyone else's bags in the future without correcting the labels.

The originator of the complaint was satisfied with the answer.

After closing out the old 2020 spread sheets and making new 2021 spreadsheets, I put together our New York State Annual report and sent it out before the 2/1/21 deadline. A copy is attached.

- **Gary Duckett (Buildings and Grounds/Parks and Trails) –**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AND PARKS ADMINISTRATION: Crew Gary Duckett and Donna Blumrick:**

1. Gary's goal this year is to create a meaningful Capital Plan for Buildings and Grounds, including Parks and Trails. This will include getting a decision from the Legislature on the future of the County Office Building.
2. Discuss possible house donation in Moravia for Museum or Historian. Legislator Mark Strong is looking into this because, of course, it is in his district.
3. VIP Structures was low bidder on the Family Court public service window (tenant work) project. Their quote was \$20,380.
4. VIP Structures was low bidder on the Health Departments Clinic updates to the Hardenberg Building. Their quote was \$16,176.
5. One of the Buildings and Grounds employees was quarantined in January. He returned to work on 1/29/2021.

**DOWNTOWN: Crew Ed Eberhardt, Al Raymond, Paul France, and Jeff King:**

1. In addition to routine maintenance, preventive maintenance and the day to day efforts for snow and ice removal Ed and his team responded to 86 maintenance requests in January.
2. Gary and Ed will be interviewing applicants for the Part Time Building Maintenance Position. So far we only have two applicants.
3. The crew will be involved in support of the Family Court public service window (tenant work) project.
4. The crew will be involved in support of the Health Departments Clinic updates to the Hardenberg Building.

**COUNTY HOUSE ROAD and TOWERS: Crew Mitch Brown, Ben McIntyre, Bruce Simmons and Greg Purcell:**

1. In addition to routine maintenance and the day to day efforts including snow and ice removal and doing PM work for the PSB and 911 Towers Mitch and his team responded to 165 maintenance requests in January.
2. The crew continues to spend a lot of time disinfecting cells.
3. The generator and other equipment is scheduled for delivery in late April. Mitch will be coordinating this project with the vendor and the PSB.

UPDATES: Buildings has been asked to assist with WIC's anticipated move to North Street and will also be helping set up for a COVID clinic this weekend at the Finger Lakes Mall.

QUESTION: Kerr inquired about the house in Moravia and whether it was being looked at for the County or historian. Duckett, has not been in contact with the Historian's Office. Strong, shared the location of the building said he mentioned it to the mayor, who was unaware of the situation. It is a nice old stone building but is insufficient parking hinders it's use.

**PARKS AND TRAILS Crew Doug Dello Stritto, Mike Dagnesi and Jon Borsa**

**Emerson Park:**

1. Parks & Planning Departments and TWMLA continue design work for the Deauville Island Destination Playground and Amphitheater projects approved by resolution 138-20. Layout design and architecture review is underway.
2. Doug is coordinating with the City of Auburn to schedule the contractor with the City of Auburn to perform a clean-out of the culvert pipes at Emerson Park extending from the Pavilion side of the park to the outlet.
3. Doug has been working from home as much as possible to facilitate social distancing.

**Ward W. O'Hara Ag Museum/Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center Update (Tim Quill Director PT):**

- a. New program at Museum Sunday March 7 Thru Saturday April 3, 2021 Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt at Museum.
- b. In process of installing 32 camera security system in Museum. System has recording and monitoring capabilities.
- c. The museum is installing 11 new TV DVD exhibits that will feature various exhibits at museum. DVD will feature: Maple Syrup, Honey, Case Tractors and more.
- d. Working on updating and refurbishing some Museum Exhibits

**Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo Director PT):**

1. Parks staff and Planning staff are meeting with NYS DOS & DASNY representatives weekly to report on progress. All necessary information has been submitted to NYS to receive the contract for the construction phase. Bidding for construction will immediately follow. Final design is being reviewed. Preliminary and exploratory well drilling has been performed as a part of the design process.

**Trail Update:**

The Cato-Brutus Trail:

1. Bridge A: (Chase Rd) CFA planning for the installation of this bridge is ongoing.
2. Bridge C: (Jorolemon Rd) The contract for bridge fabrication has been completed, CCSWCD has begun planning for site work and abutment fabrication and associated services. Installation target is May 2021.
3. Cato - Fair Haven trail: the Parks Director has met with various landowners regarding trail usage, access, drainage and other adjoining property concerns.
4. Cayuga County Highway continues to perform trail maintenance as necessary.

**Owasco Flats:**

1. Parks staff has policed the canoe and kayak launch area, removed debris from trails and addressed concerns raised by the OFNR.

UPDATE & HIGHLIGHT: Sterling Nature Center will be opening up the bid process.

QUESTIONS: Tucker asked if anyone could bid and Dello-Stritto said there were no geographic restrictions. Lattimore asked if there was now a provision that says they can hire local depending on the cost percentage. Whitman said that was something Purchasing would have information on.

- **Brian Soper (Highway) –**

- Scott Gulf – DEC permits are in place work will start asap weather permitting and work till 3/31/21 then again 7/15/21-10/1/21 as per DEC requirements.
- County Material Bids are out with a return/open date of 2-17-21
- Bridge NY program has been funded for another run at 200 million per the Governor’s press release 1/25/21 we will be submitting multiple bridges as well as a large culvert.
- 3 new MEO positions that have been filled are going through their training and getting to know the routes that they are assigned to.
- Internet capabilities are now available in the Venice barn and as of our meeting date will be in Ira as well.
- The road repair list for this upcoming season is coming together and should be ready for March meeting.
- Snow operations are going good with only a few hiccups caused by the COVID quarantines.

QUESTIONS: Pinckney asked if we are all set on our Bridge NY? Soper, new funding, governor released in January, we will be submitting 4 bridges and 5 culverts. Current will be discussed with the resolution.

## RESOLUTIONS

### PARK & TRAILS:

2-21-PW-1 Resolution to modify the current license agreement with A&M Catering for management of the Emerson Park Pavilion due to the public health restrictions on gatherings. **Motion by Pinckney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Whitman. All in favor.**

2-21-PW-2 Authorization to fill 4 Part Time Museum Aide vacancies at the Ward O’Hara Agricultural Museum. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr. All in favor.**

### HIGHWAY:

2-21-PW-3 Authorizing the signing of Supplemental #1 with NYSDOT, increase of Capital “H” Project 15-03 (“Cr 31b-East Brutus St. Road Preservation”), authorizing the transfer of funds, and authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Highway Superintendent to execute any and all agreements. **Motion by Whitman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr. All in favor.**

DISCUSSION: Soper pointed out this is the one was presented last month and it has now been reduced from \$173,000 to \$94,000.

2-21-PW-4 Authorizing the signing of Supplemental #1 with NYSDOT, increase of Capital “H” Project 19-01 (“Little Salmon Creek Bridge Replacement”) to permit the repair and replacement of a bridge in the Town of Venice, authorizing the transfer of funds, and authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Highway Superintendent to execute any and all agreements. **Motion by Pinckney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Whitman. All in favor.**

2-21-PW-5 Authorizing the signing of Supplemental #1 with NYSDOT, increase of Capital “H” project 19-02 (“Yawger Creek Bridge Replacement”) to permit the repair and replacement of a bridge in the Town of Venice, authorizing the transfer of funds, and authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Highway Superintendent to execute any and all agreements. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Strong to amend – should read Town of Fleming, not Venice. Motion by Pinckney as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pecher. All in favor.**

2-21-PW-6 Authorization to fill Senior Account Clerk position in the County Highway Department due to the resignation of a former employee. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Strong. All in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT: at 5:49 pm. Motion by Vitale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr.**