



MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/-ovGWO4okF4>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Tucker Whitman @ 5:34 pm

MEMBERS: Legislators Andy Dennison, Tricia Kerr, Hans Pecher, Paul Pinckney, Mark Strong, and Ben Vitale

OTHERS: Legislators Tim Lattimore, Elane Daly, Ryan Foley, Chair Aileen McNabb-Coleman; Chris Palermo, Brittany Massi, Lacey Bailey, Lisa Lippoldt

MINUTES TO APPROVE: December 1, 2020 – Motion by Pinckney, 2nd by Dennison. All in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

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

- **Larry Roser (Weights and Measures) – No updates**

We Tested 2 Truck Scales.

Auburn Landfill passed +20 lbs. @ 65,900 lbs.

Sunnyside Farm in Venice got a new indicator. It was tested and passed -20 lbs. @ 63,600 lbs.

Double K Livestock in Sennett failed +3 to -3 lbs. on corners @ 500 lbs.

It was adjusted by Rochester scale and passed +2 lbs. @ 2,500 lbs.

Melrose Farms in Owasco had the 3,000 gallon milk tank that failed in November recalibrated, and a new chart made. The new chart will give the Farm over \$2,500 more per year.

I also checked the status of all the tanks in the county, looking for broken feet and at the producer numbers, etc. to update my information.

In Sennett Dean Martin is no longer milking. He mentioned this last year as a possibility before covid-19.

In Scipio Dwight Martin is no longer milking.

In Moravia Paul Barron has reopened a dairy farm there. He is the son of a dairy farmer, Larry Barron in Sempronius, and has started his own farm in Moravia.

This month I went thru and made new folders for all the scales and pumps in the county. Updating the information on them as I went.

- **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. Beardsley Design was the low bidder to design the installation of a back flow device on the COB water line. They are working on the design now. Gary will be seeking quotes for this work once he has the design.
3. Discuss possible house donation in Moravia for Museum or Historian.
4. Gary is working on the Family Court public service window (tenant work) with the architect. SHPO has signed off on the project. He will be seeking quotes for this work once he has the approved design.
5. Gary will be seeking quotes for the Health Departments Clinic updates to the Hardenberg Building. We have determined we cannot get this done in house.
6. One of the Buildings and Grounds employees tested positive for COVID. Fortunately, they are feeling better and plan to return to work after 12/31/2021.

UPDATE on No. 3.: Gary gave an update about his discussion with Planning regarding possible uses for this property. Highlights are as follows: Satellite office space for CETA or Watershed Inspection Program; Finger Lakes Land Trust. It will require maintenance and upkeep. They also talked about long term returning it to private use and adding it back to the tax roll. He will forward the information to the legislators. Original thoughts had included a museum for Parks or a location for County Historian outreach.

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 over 102 maintenance requests in December.
2. Gary and Ed will be interviewing applicants for the Part Time Building Maintenance Position.

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 over 136 maintenance requests in December.
2. Working on getting Pricing for Two new Exhaust fans for K and L PODS they need to be replaced they are coming apart
3. The crew is spending more time disinfecting cells.
4. Finished getting ready for winter with Trucks and Salter/ Sidewalk salt all in place.
5. The hospital took possession of the Nursing Home in December.

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. The team has begun meeting with vendors of playground equipment to understand trends and industry best practices.
2. Repair and Update of one of the Emerson Park sewer stations was completed 12/21/2020.
3. Doug is coordinating with the City of Auburn to utilize a contractor under contract 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. Parks staff has completed necessary site work for work tentatively to be in January or February depending on conditions and lake level.
4. 30 large nursery trees have been planted in Emerson Park by Parks staff.
5. 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):

Includes year end update and plans for 2021.

1. Park staff replaced some of the siding on the front of Museum. More will be replaced in the spring.
2. Despite Covid 19 Festival of Trees was a huge success. Not only visitors from Auburn and Cayuga County but all over the state.
3. Project for 2021: In process of installing 32 security cameras throughout the Museum with a monitoring center in the Employee Office Cost of \$12,500.00 Paid for by Friends and Patrons of Museum. This will allow us to monitor any part of museum from a central location and has ability to record for 7 days.
4. Project for 2021: Install 15 TV Monitors with built in DVD as new exhibits throughout the museum. Paid for by Friends and Patrons of Museum. Will be used to beef up our Implement Wing exhibits and other exhibits throughout the museum by playing Informational DVD's.
5. 2021 Patron Campaign totals \$17,000.00 so far this year.
6. Purchase of a 10 x 20 Shed to store trees and materials for Festival of Trees freeing up storage space in Museum 10 x 40 shed. Paid for By Friends and Patrons.
7. Install a card reader in Gift Shop so we can now process credit card purchases. Paid for by Friends and Patrons.
8. Going to ask the Legislators to hire 4 new museum aids to replace aids that have passed away, found other jobs, or are at the age that they no longer want to put in many days and weeks at the museum. They would not be additional employees but would supplement and replace aids we have now. No additional cost or increase in budget.
9. In March and April we will finish the project of painting the walls and floors of the museum that we started last year. When that is done the entire inside of museum will be painted both floors and walls.
10. The insulation and installation of heating at museum last year had been a great addition and has proven very favorable with visitors. Project paid for by Friends and Patrons.
11. Since reopening in June 2020 because of closure from COVID we have had many visitors. Staff is practicing social distancing, masks are worn, temperatures taken and surfaces cleaned.
12. Working on re programming out 30 Self Tour wans at the Museum. Since purchased we have added new additions and moved exhibits which made it necessary to rewrite the script for the self-guided tour and then reprogram the units.
13. Festival of Trees has 120 trees setup throughout the museum.
 - Closed New Year's Eve Day and New Year's Day
 - January 2 thru January 31 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-4, Sunday 11-4

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

1. Doug and Planning staff are meeting with NYS DOS & DASNY representatives weekly to report on progress. Final design is due for review in December.

Trail Update:

The Cato-Brutus Trail:

1. Bridge A: (Chase Rd) CFA funding has been approved. The funding for this project has been received by the state and contract for this project will be released following approval of the inclusion of resolution language received from NYS Parks. A modification resolution is included below for January.
2. Bridge C: (Jorolemon Rd) In February 2020 a resolution was approved to fund this project. Funding from the Parks & Trails budget is being identified for site work to be performed by the CCSWCD. 5 bids were received. The lowest bid was from True North Steel and a contract has been executed. Site work and installation are being coordinated with True North Steel and CCSWCD for late spring.

Owasco Flats: Nothing new to report.

Questions: Lattimore requested an update on the pavilion update. Duckett, going smoothly. Chair McNabb-Coleman thanked Gary and his staff for all the assistance with deep cleaning offices and buildings during this pandemic. Kerr noted that she was pleased to see the County Office Building back on the capital plan. Foley, asked for reasoning behind the money spent on security cameras. Duckett, there have been some issues with things disappearing over the years. Dello-Stritto, with limited staff the camera system helps monitor the building. McNabb-Coleman, regarding the COB, she met with community partners in the city and Gary will be brought into that discussion. What they have learned through COVID is that we can effectively vacate portions of the building where in the past it was thought impossible. Lattimore asked about the timeframe for building a new playground. Dello-Stritto, once they received the final plans, they will be able to go out, hopefully this calendar year, and begin to seek funding for that project. Kerr, programming plan and phase for design when is the anticipated public release? Dello-Stritto, not having the plans in hand, they have not yet set a date. Kerr, Facebook post about Emerson park beaches in the 50's and water circulation. Will the pipe cleanout we are participating in in conjunction with the city help? Dello-Stritto, the original army corps of engineers in 1999 & 2000, the theory was that it would help with that on the eastern beach on the pavilion side. Water quality issues have occurred on both beaches over the years.

- **Brian Soper (Highway) – No updates**

Soper is looking for input from the committee about the Brutus Street rehab road preservation project which has been on the table since April of 2015. It is an 80/20 match federally funded \$3,880,000 project with \$743,000 unreimbursed.

Marinelli's suggestion was to take it out of operational budget. His concern is taking that much out at the beginning of the year and wondered about looking at the reserve fund created back in 2017 by resolution 372-17. He is looking for feedback from committee. Whitman asked what the amount in that reserve is? Soper does not have that information with him.

Batman, in the total county priorities, does this rise to the top? Larger question about what needs to be done rather than going project by project out of the reserve. Whitman is also concerned that we throw into the equation what we are getting for a return on our investment. Duckett's recollection is that the reserve has approximate \$4,000,000 in it. Soper agreed that that is his understanding of roughly the correct dollar amount. Vitale, question for Palermo whether or not we can borrow from reserve and repay within 7 years may be an option to look at. Project planned for many years, but do need to look at return for investment but a shame if after all the time and work done so far, we decide not to complete this long-term project. Whitman is in agreement. Palermo when governor made an executive order for monies to be borrowed from reserve, it was for COVID related expenses, but this project does sound as if it is representative of the intent of the reserve. There are some technical requirements for borrowing such as not paying interest. Pinckney inquired as to the time sensitivity of this. Soper stated he needs to put a resolution forward next month. Kerr, why operations rather than reserve?

RESOLUTIONS

PARK & TRAILS:

1-21-PW-1 Authorize the modification of the Cato –Brutus Trail Bridge “A” Project. **Motion by Kerr, 2nd by Whitman. All in favor.**

DISCUSSION: CP noted that even though it isn't stated on the resolution, the money is appropriated out of the fund balance, so when this goes in front of the full legislature it must be a 2/3 vote.

HIGHWAY:

1-21-PW-2 Authorization to award used Guiderail. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Pinckney. All in favor.**

DISCUSSION: Kerr asked for general explanation. Soper, they will be purchasing used guiderail which has the same safety rating but at a 1/3 of the cost.

Lattimore, asked whether we have plans for more underground broadband cables being installed by our highways. Whitman said he got an update on that yesterday. New Visions had some issues with contractors, but are now moving in a forward

direction. Set to turn on sub station in Victory in about a week. Once they get the Victory Town Hall up and running then they will start branching out but it is all weather depending. Hopefully in a couple of months they will have high speed internet available in that area.

ADJOURNMENT: @ 6:10 pm – Motion by Pinckney, 2nd by Kerr. All in favor.