



## Sullivan County Parks, Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee

July 11, 2019 AGENDA  
10:30 AM

Committee Members:

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

### **Call to Order**

### **Comments:**

### **Reports:**

1. Office of Sustainable Energy - Heather Brown
2. Parks, Recreation & Beautification - Brian Scardefield
3. Agricultural Report - Melinda Meddaugh

### **Resolution - None:**

### **Public Comment**

### **Adjourn**



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*County Operations*

- OSE Coordinator is serving as project manager for the development of a Facilities Master Plan. This initiative involves Public Works, Planning, ITS and the County Manager's Office. The purpose of the plan will be to address current and anticipated space needs for all County departments; recommend specific measures for reallocation and reconfiguration of space; address potential for collaboration with towns and villages to achieve efficient and sustainable shared solutions for delivery of services; and recommend specific building retrofits and energy projects correlated to the anticipated long-term building use.
- Met with the County Treasurer and County Attorney's Office to discuss the Open C-PACE program. The program offers much more flexibility which will encourage participation and alleviates many of the concerns that were raised with regard to the previous legislation. A resolution to set a public hearing for August will be presented at the Executive Committee meeting.
- Progress continues on the FlexTech study for domestic hot water replacement at the Care Center at Sunset Lake.
- Received confirmation from NYPA that a preliminary design for streetlight replacement has been completed and we are now reviewing with Public Works. The County must execute an agreement with NYSEG to purchase the streetlights.
- New York State passed the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. OSE is reviewing the legislation with the County Attorney's office to determine potential impacts to County operations. We will report and provide a summary at the August committee meeting.

*Outreach*

- Sullivan County has submitted enough documentation to achieve SolSmart Silver designation from the U.S. Department of Energy. We have been working with ICLEI on this initiative and they are helping the County to finalize an application now that documentation is compiled.
- We are in discussions with NYSERDA to potentially host code enforcement and first responder training for storage projects (batteries). Training would be available towards the end of the summer/beginning of fall.
- OSE staff attended a webinar presented by NYSERDA and the Business Council of New York State, which focused on various NYS programs and incentives that help individual consumers and municipalities purchase or lease electric vehicles and install electric vehicle charging equipment. Of particular interest was the presentation of Greg Stevens of Dimension Fabricators Inc., which manufactures concrete reinforcing steel at a 100% solar powered plant in Glenville NY. Stevens reported on the company's acquisition of a plug-in electric "yard horse" electric terminal truck, which the company estimates is saving \$15,000 year on fuel and maintenance costs. Stevens said employees were very pleased with the truck's performance, including dependability, quietness, elimination of exhaust emissions, and ease of handling.
- Staff attended the June 25 NYSERDA workshop in Kingston relative to battery energy storage systems (BESS). BESS will become a standard component of large scale renewable energy systems such as solar electric systems and on-site residential and small business/commercial renewable energy systems. NYSERDA has developed a guidebook and model local law for municipalities to plan for the siting and zoning for battery energy storage systems, including permitting inspections, decommissioning of BESS at the end of life and fire safety



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- v The parks have opened full time for the summer season. Lake Superior is open seven days a week from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. Fort Delaware is open Friday through Monday 10:00 am - 5:00pm. The D&H Canal Interpretive Center is open Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sundays 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. The Stone Arch Bridge, Minisink Battleground Park, Livingston Manor Covered Bridge and D&H Linear Park are open from Dawn until Dusk.
- v Fort Delaware Student Days went very well this year. We had fourteen schools visit the fort for a total of 1,099 students.
- v Along with mowing the parks, the park maintenance staff have landscaped the dove at the airport, completed the replacement of approximately 50 more sections of split rail fencing at Livingston Manor Covered Bridge Park and replaced the sign posts at Lake Superior. The Clean Team crew has been litter plucking roadways and helping out with the mowing and projects.
- v I met with the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Committee regarding their request to have the Clean Team litter pluck Route 97. After discussing safety and permits, it was agreed upon that pending DOT permits the clean team would litter pluck certain pull off areas from Lumberland to Callicoon.
- v I met with the Executive Director of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission in regards to the lease agreement the County has with them to operate Lake Superior State Park. The lease terminates in March of 2020. The Director is updating the agreement and is going to forward over a draft for review so we can continue the lease.
- v The Delaware Company is hosting the annual Minisink Battleground Commemoration on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.
- v On Sunday, July 7, at 2 p.m., the Sullivan County Historical Society will present the Johnny Jules Band performing songs that have defined the Woodstock generation. The concert is part of the First Sunday live music and history series at the Sullivan County Museum. If you like

Bob Dylan, the Band, the Grateful Dead, the Byrds, folk, blues and rock, then you don't want to miss this show. The music is pure Americana, and the songs go as far back as the '30s.