

**Joseph Wetmore
Town Board Member Report
December 2025**

**Meet with Thomas Knipe Director Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council
Monday, November 24-12:00 – 1:00pm**

I met with Thomas Knipe, the new Director of the Ithaca Tompkins County Transportation Council, to discuss transportation planning issues of shared interest. One topic of discussion was long-term planning for the future of the rail bed along the east shore of Cayuga Lake. We also discussed the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway. The conversation included consideration of whether the ITCTC could play a role in supporting the Town and other stakeholders in planning for the future of the corridor, and we both expressed interest in continuing the discussion to learn more about potential collaboration opportunities.

**Zoning Committee
Tuesday, December 2-3:00 – 5:00pm**

Introductions & Why You Volunteered For the ZAC?

Zoning 101

Update Process & Timeline

Group Discussion

What has been your experience with the Code, if any?

What development opportunities exist? Threats?

What are the barriers to investment?

What is the most important goal/outcome of this code update?

**Monthly Check-In | Lansing Smart Growth Zoning Update (C1003123)
Tuesday, December 9-10:00 – 11:00am**

The meeting focused on coordination and communication with the New York State Department of State regarding the ongoing zoning advisory process. Participants discussed keeping the state informed through regular correspondence and meeting participation, as well as upcoming administrative and reporting requirements tied to project milestones. There was general agreement on the importance of sharing draft public outreach materials and involving state representatives early in the process.

**Meeting with Zoe Yang of Lydian Energy regarding the Yellow Barn Project.
Wednesday, December 10-3:30 – 4:30pm**

This was an outreach meeting intended to establish an initial connection and facilitate future collaboration. The purpose was primarily introductory, providing an opportunity for face-to-face discussion. Ruth Groff was also in attendance.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
Wednesday, December 10•6:30 – 9:30pm**

The Board reviewed two appeals by Terawulf of the Code Enforcement Officer's written zoning interpretations dated October 22, 2025, and November 10, 2025, which determined that the proposed data center is not a permitted principal use in the IR District. The Board concluded the applications were complete, scheduled a public hearing, and determined that, for purposes of SEQR review, the action is classified as a Type II action requiring no further SEQR review.



**Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.
Tuesday, December 16•10:00 – 11:30am**

Director's Summary – Adam Effler
2026 OLWMC Objectives Approval
Treasurer's Audit and Finance Report
November 2025 Financials Approval
Lake Level Report
NYSDEC Finger Lakes Watershed Program
Owasco Watershed Lake Association Update
Cornell Cooperative Extension Update
Watershed Inspection Monthly Report