

Joseph Wetmore
Town Board Member Report
May 2025

**DOS Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Program
2024 Grant**

Tuesday, April 22·9:30 – 10:30am

Project initiation meeting with the Department of State Project Manager to discuss the NYS DOS Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Community Planning Zoning Grant requirements.

Code Revision Committee Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 23·10:00am – 12:00pm

Updating the Stormwater Local Law to address thresholds – John will ask the Town Board if this committee should raise the threshold for requiring a storm water pollution prevention plan from the current 2-acre threshold to the State and Federal 5-acre threshold. This would include something to the effect that construction on steep slopes is required to show that they will not increase runoff rates more than preconstruction conditions.

Cannabis – Joe will send to Ruth a copy of the document prepared by C.J. several years ago, and Ruth will ask Guy to draft rules around cannabis sales in the town, using the previous document as a starting point.

It was deemed relevant that the code related to solar should be reviewed to see if it needs to be split into separate sections so if ORES overrides one section, they don't override the entire paragraph. John will ask the town board to approve the committee working on this.

Discuss Zoning Advisory Committee – A requirement of the recently accepted grant from the New York Department of State, is that the Town create a Zoning Advisory Committee. Ruth will ask the board to form a new committee for this project. We discussed who we should consider adding to this committee, and the following suggestions were put forth: all of the members of the Codes Revision Committee, someone from the agricultural district, a realtor, a businessperson, someone with an interest in trails, a member of the Conservation Advisory Council, and a resident or neighborhood representative. That requirement, which identifies suggested membership, as stated in the grant contract was read to the committee: “Establish a Zoning Advisory Committee to oversee all aspects of the project in cooperation with municipal officials and the project team. For communities with an established planning board and/or zoning board of appeals, the Committee shall have at least one member from each body and shall include a range of stakeholders, such as residents, civic leaders, business owners, elected officials, environmental experts, neighborhood association representatives, and municipal board members from a range of ethnic, social, and cultural backgrounds.” The goal is to compile a list of suggested members and send it to the Town Board for the June meeting.

Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO) (Zoom Meeting)

Wednesday, April 23·7:00 – 9:00pm

*Presentation: Prioritizing Source Water in Planning and Development presented by Roxanna Johnston,

*City of Ithaca Watershed Coordinator and WTP Lab Director Report

*Watershed Manager update

* Monthly Report

Chair Report - Roxy Johnston

*Review of updated dues information

*Committee Reports

*Executive Committee

*Education, Public Participation and Outreach

Planning Board

Monday, April 28·6:30 – 8:30pm

*Minor subdivision of lands located at 25 Sperry Lane into two new parcels: Parcel A (.748 ac) and Parcel B (.726 ac). This project is located in the R2 zoning district. Board approved the project.

*Minor subdivision of lands located at 113 Bower Road into four new parcels: Lots 1-3 (1.5 ac each) and the remaining 182-acre parent lot. This project will also have a 20' easement with the Town for the installation of a walking trail. This project is located in the RA zoning district. Board approved the project.

*2073 E Shore Drive (located in the old IGA building). Art / woodworking studio including new site improvements. This project is located in the B1 zoning district. Board approved the project with conditions.

*89 Goodman Road. Project Description: Site Plan Review of small, home-based business named the “Barksville Inn”. This project is located in the AG zoning district. Board approved the project with conditions.

*Minor subdivision of lands located at 655 Ridge Road into two parcels: Lot 1 (24.5 acres) and Lot 2 (6.75 acres). This project is located in the R2 zoning district. Board set Public Hearing for May 19, 2025

C1003123 - Town of Lansing Zoning Update - Pre Contract Meeting

Wednesday, April 30·10:00 – 11:00am

Meeting with NYS Department of State Contract Management Specialist to give the town step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the contract and other associated documents.

Yellow Barn Stipulation Discussion

Wednesday, May 7·4:00 – 5:00pm

Met with Matthew A. Eldred, Senior Associate at Harter Secrest & Emery LLP Representatives from Groton to discuss final details of the Yellow Barn Stipulation agreement.

Groundbreaking Ceremony at the DPW campus

Saturday, May 17·11:00am – 12:00pm

Attended Groundbreaking Ceremony.

Bylaws Committee Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc

Tuesday, May 20·8:00 – 10:00am

Committee meeting to discuss updates to the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.’s bylaws.

Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.

Tuesday, May 20·10:00 – 11:30am

*Director’s Summary – Adam Effler

*Treasurer’s Audit and Finance Report

*April 2025 Financials Approval

* 2024 Financial Audit Approval

*Lake Level Report

*Insight into Lake Dynamics from the Owasco Lake Buoy (Recording)

*NYSDEC FL Hub Update

*Owasco Watershed Lake Association Update

*Cornell Cooperative Extension Update

*Watershed Inspection Monthly Report