

Joseph Wetmore
Town Board Member Report
December 2023

Planning Board

Monday, November 27·6:30 – 8:30pm

1. Lot Line Adjustment --95 Goodman Rd, Tax Parcel Number 20.-1-8.28. The applicant proposes a lot line adjustment of 1.027 acres from the ~3.4 acre parent lot, to the adjacent property owner. The property is in the AG Zone. Authorized Director of Planning to approve lot line adjustment

2. Minor Subdivision -- 178 Sweazy Rd, Tax Parcel Number 23.-1-23.2 The applicant proposes to subdivide a ~69.56 acre lot from the ~93.65 acre parent lot. Cornell is selling a portion of the “Cornell Orchards” for a lavender farm. Set Public Hearing for December meeting.

3. Reviewed and provided comments to the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) on the Draft Open Space & Conservation Plan.

Bolton Point personnel

Wednesday, November 29·1:00 – 2:00pm

1. Review Assistant Finance Manager job description and wage classification recommendation.

2. Reports
 - a. Shop Steward
 - b. Finance Manager
 - c. Distribution Manager
 - d. Production Manager
 - e. Human Resources Manager
 - f. General Manager

3. Consider Executive Session to discuss the personnel history of a particular person or contract negotiations.

Agriculture & Farmland Protection Committee

Thursday, December 7·9:00 – 10:00am

1. The Committee reviewed and commented on the Draft Open Space and Conservation Plan

Meeting about Yellow Barn proposal

Thursday, December 7·10:30 – 11:30am

1. We discussed the proposed Host Community Agreement.

Tompkins County Council of Governments
Thursday, December 7:30:00 – 5:00pm

1. Report from County Administration
 - a. The final voting meeting of the Countywide Shared Services Panel will be held Monday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. A vote will be held at this meeting for the approval of the 2024 Shared Services Plan. All chief elected officials are asked to attend, or assign a designee to attend and vote on behalf of their municipality. The 2024 Shared Services Plan includes the pilot countywide rapid medical response program.
 - b. The County's Strategic Operations Planning process continues with two planning sessions to be held today and tomorrow with County Department leadership. These sessions will take the visioning work of the Legislature and begin to identify and develop strategic objectives to be included in the County's final Strategic Operations Plan.
 - c. Department leadership, Legislators, and representatives of municipal governments attended a full day cybersecurity workshop presented by NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services on December 5th. The County IT department, with support from County Admin, will take the action items identified during this session and implement in 2024. NYS DHSES emphasized that their services are available to all municipalities. To report a cyber incident or potential incident to the NYS Cyber Incident Response Team, call 1-844-628-2478. To request SJSES CIRT cyber support you can email CIRT@dhSES.ny.gov and for more information you can visit www.dhSES.ny.gov/oct/cirt
 - d. The County is selling 408 North Tioga Street, known as the Red House, and will be receiving offers through December 15th. Carol Bushberg is the real estate broker representing the County.
 - e. On October 29th NYS Senator Rachel May convened a regional meeting to discuss the concept of creating a Finger Lakes Commission. This would be modeled after the Tug Hill Commission (<https://tughill.org>) which was formed 40 years ago. The purpose would be to help small rural governments with information, education and technical support on how to govern. May help with support around grantwriting. With the Tug Hill Commission, the state provides funding for staffing and infrastructure support, including circuit riders to travel to municipalities to discuss rural/local issue of interest. It would help to bridge the gap for small/ remote communities. The Finger Lakes region includes 14 counties, there are some common interests around rural issues, watershed issues, future pressure on our region around water resources. This is in the early stages of discussion, and they're looking for feedback about what would and wouldn't be useful in a bill going forward. It would

be ideal to invite Senator May and her staff to a future TCCOG meeting to discuss. Her staff contact is Eric Van Der Vort: vandervo@nysenate.gov

2. TCCOG 2024 leadership

- a. Dan lamb was voted to be vice chair for 2024

3. Building Code Administration and Operations Study Update

Purpose is to identify potential opportunities to improve Effectiveness and efficiencies through collaboration sharing of services among Tompkins County Municipal Building Code operations.

Strategy 1	Strategy 2	Strategy 3	Strategy 4	Strategy 5	Strategy 6
Centralization of 911 Addressing	County-wide Building Permit & Code Enforcement Software Management System	Create a Pipeline of Code Enforcement Officers & Building Safety Inspectors	Shared Court Presentment/ Prosecution	Establish Specialized Services and Technical Assistance Programs	Municipal Shared Staffing
Initiative	Initiative	Initiatives	Initiative	Initiatives	Initiatives
1.A County Department of Emergency Response Assumes 911 Addressing Authority & County ITS/GIS Assigns Addresses	2.A Issue RFP & Select a Shared Software System	3.A Recruitment toolkit 3.B Streamline job titles and specifications 3.C Centralized Recruitment	4.A Shared RFP/ RFQ to create a shared panel of experts to provide uniform prosecution of non-compliant cases	5.A Establish Specialized Technical Assistance Program 5.B Panel of third party specialty inspectors.	6.A Match staffing needs and share CEOs and BSIs between municipalities
Results	Results	Results	Results	Results	Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved emergency response • Reduced duplication of effort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardization • Workflow efficiencies • Improved communication • Reduced pricing • Cross Coverage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Stability • Avoided vacancies • Reduce/Avoid Backlogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Safety • Reduced Non-compliance • Standardization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Energy Conservation Competencies • Increased code compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stabilize Staff • Address high workloads efficiently • Increase Back Up

4. Priority Trails Strategy Update

- a. In 2014 the Tompkins Priority Trails Strategy outlined actions to develop five key trails through the county. Over the past decade, many of those actions have been completed. The updated Tompkins Priority Trails Strategy provides updates on the accomplishments, current trail status, and action items to pursue in the coming years.

The draft was recently reviewed by the County Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee and the Parks and Trails Network. This group is made up of parks and trails professionals and volunteers who meet twice a year with a focus on information sharing and identifying projects and funding opportunities.

5. Electric Vehicle Charging as a Service

- a. Plan is to Create a county wide RFP for charging stations. A developer comes in and installs EV chargers on a property and provides EV charging. There are three different models:
 - Revenue Shared Model
 - Monthly Subscription
 - Turn-key Solution

Do you have site control over a potentially good location? If so, email hdelisle@tompkins-co.org with the location by January 12, 2024. We will need critical mass to follow through with an RFP

6. Subcommittees
 - a. Transportation -- Making headway to get electric buses into service
 - b. Water Quality -- nothing new to report
 - c. Energy -- TCCOG Municipal Sharing on energy and sustainability initiatives meeting that occurred on 11/30 at 3:00 via Zoom.
 - d. Emergency Planning and Preparedness -- Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response has proposed a pilot program to allow the creation of a County operated Pilot Rapid Medical Response (the "PRMR") capability, consisting of three PRMR vehicles staffed with EMTs and operating during the weekday daytime hours, in order to provide enhanced coverage when volunteer services are most strained. The county is looking for some cost sharing with the municipalities.

7. The 2024 meeting schedule will be the same bimonthly as 2023.