

**Joseph Wetmore
Town Board Member Report
January 2026**

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Monday, December 22, 2025 | 6:30–7:30 p.m.

I attended the ZBA meeting regarding the appeal submitted by Cayuga Operating Company LLC. The Board determined that the project does not qualify as a Scientific Research Laboratory and is not a “Warehouse.” The Board voted that the project is best classified as a facility for General Processing.

Planning Board Applicant Interviews for 2026

Monday, January 5:5:30 – 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 6:5:30 – 7:30pm

We had two rounds of interviews. On Monday, myself, Dean Shea, Laurie Hemmings, Tom Butler and Shaun Logue did the interviews. On Tuesday, it was myself, Dean Shea, Laurie Hemmings, Johnathan Licitra and Shaun Logue. We interviewed 8 candidates for the 3 open planning board seats and made a recommendation to the town board.

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Working Group

Friday, January 9:9:00 – 10:00am

Lansing Center Trail (LCT)

Two proposed expansions to the Lansing Center Trail network were presented, both consistent with the recently adopted LCT Policy:

- **Munson Loop–Conlon Road Connection:** This proposed expansion would use the recently executed easement with Mr. Jack Young to create a trail connection between the Munson Loop and Conlon Road.
- **Shoemaker Loop Extension:** This proposal would extend the existing Shoemaker Loop further into Town-owned wooded property. The extension would also improve access to a forthcoming easement from Mr. Jack Young, allowing for a future connection to Bower Road.

Both proposals have been forwarded to the Town Board for consideration and approval.

Town Center Trails – Draft Discussion

The group reviewed the draft Town Center Trails plan, with discussion focused on project costs. Topics included methods for estimating costs, whether the project should be divided into phases, and how paving requirements and elevation changes are contributing to higher overall costs.

Greenway Trail Comprehensive Plan

Discussion centered on trail segments that may need to be located along road shoulders. While the plan’s goal is to minimize roadway use, it was acknowledged that short on-road sections may be necessary. One example discussed was using the existing Triphammer Road bridge to cross Gulf Creek.

Myers Road Trail Feasibility Study

The draft feasibility study has been completed and submitted to the Town Board for approval. Staff also identified potential funding opportunities to support the next phase of construction for this trail segment.

Interactive Zoning Map- Training

Tuesday, January 13·11:00am – 12:00pm

I attended a training session on the Town's new interactive zoning map service, MapLink. The presentation demonstrated how MapLink can quickly answer common zoning questions such as how a property is zoned, applicable setback requirements, and where specific types of businesses may be located.

The system allows users to identify the zoning district for any property with just a few clicks and to view essential building and zoning requirements. The presentation also highlighted how business owners and developers can use MapLink to determine which zoning districts allow their proposed use and to review the procedures for advancing a project.

Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.

Tuesday, January 20 | 10:00–11:30 a.m.

I attended the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council meeting. The following reports and updates were presented:

- Director's Summary: Adam Effler provided a Director's Summary, which had been distributed to members for review prior to the meeting.
- Board of Directors and Municipal Representative Feedback: Council members and municipal representatives shared comments and updates.
- Treasurer's Audit and Finance Report: Joan Jayne presented the financial report, including approval of the December 2025 financials.
- Lake Level Report: John West provided an update on current lake levels.
- Village of Moravia Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Designs: Matthew McKenna presented proposed design updates for the facility.
- NYSDEC Finger Lakes Watershed Program: Gabriel Yerdon provided an update on program activities and initiatives.
- Owasco Watershed Lake Association Update: Carol Sutkus shared updates from the association.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Update: An update was provided by Daniel Welch or Frank Clarke.
- Watershed Inspection Monthly Report: Jesse Lloyd presented the monthly watershed inspection report.