

Town of Pompey

ECC Minutes Jan. 4, 2024

Live

7:05 PM

ATTENDEES: Kathy Bertuch, Adam Scalisi, John Herrington, Martha Viglietta, Phil George and guest attendant Supervisor Mark Nardella

Absent: Pam O'Malley, Paulie Drexler, Stan Gorman, Craig Dennis

Updates:

- Phil:
  - Annual report of activities completed by committee sent to Town Board
  - "SEQR" Training potential provided through the town. Also offered free through DEC.
  - Required trainings: Sexual Harassment and Diversity Training offered monthly approx. 45 minutes. Link to training is on Town website. Send the certificate to Nikki.
  - Recording Secretary assignment given for the year and the 2024 meeting dates were announced. July meeting is a week later (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) due to July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.
- Kathy:
  - Energy Audit had many delays for the Highway Department but has been completed. Unsure what next steps are for the completed Audit data.

Continuing Business:

- Kathy:
  - Master Plan Review: County funds for updated maps will be focused on northern Onondaga County towns, not including Pompey.
  - Revisit Mission Plan and Vision Statements.
  - County will provide new maps of watersheds, floodplains, landfills, gas wells, and protected open space. They will compare these new maps with Master Plan maps.
  - Potential new focuses to incorporate into Master Plan are commercial solar priorities and effects of climate change.
- Martha:
  - Who is responsible for Master Plan updates?
- Phil:
  - Master Plan updates are managed by a composite committee made of members from each of the Boards within Town of Pompey.
  - How does Master Plan inform the ECC's "day-to-day" decisions? What sections of the Master Plan should inform ECC work?
    - Should or could influence how the ECC reviews applications.
- Adam:
  - Commercial solar mapping: Criteria sent to ESF GIS professor. Waiting for a response.
- Kathy:
  - Natural resources survey of Pompey: we need better quality maps than the 2013 ones.

- Supervisor Nardella said the Dept of Ag in Lafayette may have relevant maps.
- Adam:
  - What are preemptive actions the ECC can take once we have the new Natural Resources maps?
- Kathy:
  - New maps could trigger adjustments to the Master Plan Goals.
  - This project will be on hold for now to allow the ECC to focus on other current projects.
- Adam:
  - Short Term Rental Law: Draft language has been submitted to Town Board for review. There will be no further updates on this topic until a decision is made by the Board.

#### Earth Day

- Nardella approved continuation of the annual event and offered promotional assistance.
- Martha said we have money earmarked for event day signage to be used as traffic control and Hamlet promotion.
- Adam requested Martha save the proof of the signage so matching posters can be made for different stations.
- Martha confirmed the date is Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, 9am-12pm
- Adam will create the updated poster.
- Phil will check with Paulie for the tree seedling order.
- Paulie remotely asked if ECC would like to purchase Norway Spruce seedlings instead of White Pine seedlings. ECC agrees.
- Phil confirmed 500 tree seedlings will be available at event.
- Adam will make signage to thank tree seedling sponsors at the table.
- John will check with Mr. Wilder (Earth Science Teacher) at FP High School to see if he wants to table at the event.
- John will check if Cornell will supply bird house kits.
- John will check if the Boy Scouts want to table at the event.
- Martha is reconfirming last year's list of vendors.

#### Seasonal Town Competitions

- Snowman Competition: during winter break approx. mid-February. Dependent on weather. Phil will buy prize gift card.
- Phil: Other than the competitions, what other type of community involvement events should the ECC create?
  - Kathy: We don't have an engaging internet presence which could be expanded on.
  - Adam: We could take question submissions on the Facebook page from residents.
  - Adam: Non-internet engagement could be done through a quarterly newsletter where 2 ECC members write a short article about a topic of interest.

Next meeting is February 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

SUBMITTED BY: Adam Scalisi