



# AG/Planning/Environmental

## Committee Meeting

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60 Central Ave.  
Cortland, NY 13045  
<http://www.cortland-co.org>

James Denkenberger

Thursday, April 13, 2017

10:00 AM

Room 304

### CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Amy Cobb	Legislative District 2	Present	
Sandra Price	Vice Chair	Present	
Raylynn Knolls	Legislative District 7	Present	
James Denkenberger	Chair	Present	
Christopher Newell	Legislative District 11	Present	
Dan Dineen	Director of Planning	Present	
Kevin Pagini	Planning	Present	
Karen Howe	County Attorney	Present	
Nick Graziano	Cortland Standard	Present	
Karen Fuller	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Present	

### MINUTES

Thursday, March 09, 2017

### Cooperative Extension

Maria Gimma, Camp Ohwata Director, reported having the staff for the camp in place and reviews are underway for scholarship requests. She noted determination for scholarships are not just made upon financial ability but other factors as well. There could be between 50-100 requests.

### RESOLUTIONS

At this time Mr. Denkenberger spoke about the duties of being a committee Chair and noted that with the number of committees each legislator should take a position of Chair or Vice Chair and said he asked Ms. Price to do so for this meeting. He asked members of the Committee to volunteer to run a meeting and take on the duties of preparation such as speaking to various department heads. Ms. Cobb said she could later in the year; Mr. Newell volunteered to do so in May.

#### *Cortland Transit*

**1. Resolution (ID # 4439)**

Authorize Agreement and Summary Order with Matthews Buses, Inc. NYS DOT Federal Section 5311 Consolidated Operating and Capital Grant for 2015-2016 Fiscal Years Contract No. C003761 Supplement #3 Cortland County Planning Department

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Mr. Dineen said the resolution authorizes the purchase to 26-passenger buses to replace those

purchased in 2009. There is no local share as it covered 80 percent Federal, 10 percent State and the last 10 percent is paid by First Transit.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Denkenberger, Chair
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amy Cobb, Legislative District 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Cobb, Price, Knolls, Denkenberger, Newell

### ***Planning Department***

#### **2. Resolution (ID # 4436)**

Authorize 2017 Agreement Between Cartographic Associates, Inc. (DBA CAI Technologies) and Cortland County Planning Department

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Mr. Dineen said this resolution deals with the GIS website which is used by many people. The website provides information on many things including flood plains and has the ability to be layered. Mr. Denkenberger said although very useful it does not replace an actual survey.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Denkenberger, Chair
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amy Cobb, Legislative District 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Cobb, Price, Knolls, Denkenberger, Newell

#### **3. Resolution (ID # 4438)**

Authorize Agreement and Summary Order with Shepard Bros Inc., NYS DOT Federal Section 5311 Consolidated Operating and Capital Grant for 2015-2016 Fiscal Years Contract No. C003761 Supplement #3 - Cortland County Planning Department

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

This resolution is similar to the previous and is for 16-passenger buses to replace those from 2007.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Denkenberger, Chair
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christopher Newell, Legislative District 11
<b>AYES:</b>	Cobb, Price, Knolls, Denkenberger, Newell

#### **4. Resolution (ID # 4441)**

Authorizing the Conveying of the Conservation Easement(S) on Viable Agricultural Land for the Gary and Christine Slade Peaceful Valley Farm in the Towns of Homer and Scott Cortland County and New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets - Cortland County Planning Department

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

As part of the process there is a requirement to create a project file and letter of intent to be signed by the Chair. There is funding included for the preparation of the documents by County staff.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christopher Newell, Legislative District 11
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Raylynn Knolls, Legislative District 7
<b>AYES:</b>	Cobb, Price, Knolls, Denkenberger, Newell

**5. Resolution (ID # 4442)**

Authorizing the Conveying of the Conservation Easement(S) on Viable Agricultural Land for the Jeanne Underwood Gladtime Farm in the Town of Preble Cortland County and New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Cortland County Planning Department

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Denkenberger, Chair
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christopher Newell, Legislative District 11
<b>AYES:</b>	Cobb, Price, Knolls, Denkenberger, Newell

**6. Resolution (ID # 4443)**

Adopt Cortland County Consolidated Housing Plan - Cortland County Planning Department

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Mr. Dineen said Mr. Pagini updated the statistical information within the document and appendix and the document needs to be adopted in order to proceed with what is outlined in the plan.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Consolidated\_Housing\_Plan\_Recent\_10.16(1) (DOCX)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christopher Newell, Legislative District 11
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amy Cobb, Legislative District 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Cobb, Price, Knolls, Denkenberger, Newell

**7. Resolution (ID # 4445)**

Authorize Federal Section 5311 Consolidated Grant Application FY 2017-2018 - New York State Department of Transportation - Cortland County Planning Department

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Mr. Dineen said this is to authorize the grant application for the next round of operating assistance funding. If awarded it would provide a total of nine buses, six 16-passenger and three 26-passenger; two new bus shelters. This mobility management grant is done through Seven Valley and is in the amount of \$1.4 million dollars. Since these buses would replace part of the current fleet it is not increasing the operation. As previously noted there is no cost to the County. In response to Ms. Cobb's question of who maintains the shelters Mr. Dineen said the shelters will be maintained by the businesses the shelters are located at.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christopher Newell, Legislative District 11
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Raylynn Knolls, Legislative District 7
<b>AYES:</b>	Cobb, Price, Knolls, Denkenberger, Newell

### 8. Resolution (ID # 4329)

Amend 2017 Budget - Accept New York State Operating Assistance (STOA) SFY 2016 "Clean Up" Funding New York State Department of Transportation Federal Section 5311 - Planning Department

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Mr. Dineen said the resolution provides additional revenue for the previous year's final figures for ridership and mileage.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Raylynn Knolls, Legislative District 7
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christopher Newell, Legislative District 11
<b>AYES:</b>	Cobb, Price, Knolls, Denkenberger, Newell

### 9. Resolution (ID # 4330)

Amend 2017 Budget - Accept Department of Health State Medicaid SFY 2016-2017 Rural Transit Assistance Funding - Planning Department

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

This resolution provides financial assistance due to the Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation modifications put in place by the State. Mr. Dineen noted that when this occurred First Transit lost forty percent of their funding and this revenue offsets the loss. Ms. Cobb asked if there is any set time period for the assistance. Mr. Dineen said that the changes were an attempt by the State to save money, however, due to the significant losses created for public transportation there is now this assistance. Ms. Howe said First Transit is currently in the process of renegotiating their contract.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amy Cobb, Legislative District 2
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christopher Newell, Legislative District 11
<b>AYES:</b>	Cobb, Price, Knolls, Denkenberger, Newell

## Soil & Water Conservation District

No one from Soil and Water Conservation District was present.

## DISCUSSION - MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Ms. Price reported Mr. Dineen and Fran Pizzola were present at the County, City, Town, Villages and School (CCTVS) meeting and provided information on American Disabilities Act and concerns on public buildings not meeting code. Mr. Dineen said following discussions Access to Independence had concerns regarding new projects. The Planning Department reviews plans and invites input from many and has asked Access to Independence to review plans as well.

Ms. Price reported that Mr. Dineen assisted with the Department of State training held in the County Auditorium. It included information on cooperation and consolidation of municipalities and solar regulations.

Mr. Denkenberger spoke of the extensive work the Planning Department does and how it provides a cost-saving to towns and includes many aspects that are considered such as aesthetics, safety, as well as other issues. Ms. Howe also noted the Department is also doing a great job on the issue of solar. Mr. Newell asked if the Legislature would see the information on solar and was informed that is a matter for individual towns to adopt.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion the meeting adjourned at 10:40.