

Delaware County Planning, Recreation, Culture and Community Committee Meeting 8/19/25 at 1pm
at 2 Bridge Street, Delhi NY

Present:	Rebecca Walley	Allen Hinkley
	Bill Layton	Jerry Vernold
	Jim Ellis	Nick Carbone
	Tina Mole'	Shelly Johnson-Bennett
	Kent Manuel	Jessica Ulmer
	Lillian Brown	Sean Leddy

Motion by Bill Layton to approve the July Committee Meeting minutes, seconded by Jim Ellis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Bill Layton to enter into executive session at 1:00pm, seconded by Allen Hinkley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Becky Walley to exit executive session at 1:50pm, seconded by Jim Ellis. All in favor. Motion carried.

2026 Budget: the Department will need new printers, a new copier and a new plotter. Josh is looking into buying versus leasing. ST8 2026 fee will increase to \$16,484.00.

Resolutions: The Committee approved the resolution to move money from the Equipment budget for the software and maintenance of the weather stations into their own separate accounts. Motion by Jim Ellis to approve, seconded by Allen Hinkley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Purchase Approvals: The Committee approved the purchases of the weather stations and the Owl camera for the conference room. Motion by Allen Hinkley to approve the purchase of the weather stations, seconded by Jim Ellis. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Jim Ellis to approve the purchase of the Owl camera, seconded by Becky Walley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Travel Request: The Committee approved the travel request for Sean and Leanne to attend the NYS Empire State Greenways Conference in October. Motion by Becky Walley to approve, seconded by Bill Layton. All in favor. Motion carried.

POF: Shelly talked with Congressman Riley regarding the FEMA Sidney Culvert project appeal and he would like to attend the August 27th BOS meeting to discuss that project.

Staff: Ned's last day will be August 29th. He has accepted a new job.

PIO: The Daily Star talked with Shelly regarding the Clean Path project.

Project Updates

The interns are finishing up. Both interns worked on projects to report to their college about; Cora on a prairie grass project and Kevin on a parks project.

Sidney Flood Buyout: Shelly is working on the reimbursements.

Sidney Culverts: Shelly submitted the appeal letter to DHSES. The letter will come back with their comments and then it will be sent to FEMA.

Grants: We have applied for funding to hire a consultant for the HMGP update. The State amended the contract regarding the SWIMS program. The towns will be submitting paperwork for reimbursement. SUNY Binghamton may be able to help Colchester digitize a database for their cemetery instead of the Town applying for a grant. We are looking for funding to implement the prairie grass project.

County Fair: We shared a booth with Soil & Water at the fair. Fair-goers took the Parks survey as well as collected County Comp Plan swag we were handing out.

Drone: Shelly is waiting to hear back from Carra regarding the policies. Josh continues to do flights.

WSA: Nick talked about the Upper Delaware Steering Committee needing an official Delaware County designated representative. The next meeting is in September. UDRTC will meet in September as well. Information is being gathered to give Jason Merwin for the Sustainability Study.

Parks: Sean updated the Committee on the Parks projects and the Open Space Plan the Department is working on.

TPAS: Kent reported on the town and village projects and Comprehensive Plan updates. The County Comprehensive Plan is being finalized.

The Committee discussed the status of the Clean Path project.

Motion by Bill Layton to adjourn, seconded by Jim Ellis. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 2:25pm.