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Minutes  10.11.23

October 11, 2023
Legislature report
Q3 Review and Q4 '23 upcoming highlights.

What's happened since we last met:

Master Gardeners: hosted workshops on Language of Flowers Care (23), Trees and shrubs (24), and Edible landscape (24). They also tabled at the fair and continued library hours at the Hoag.

4-H: Hosted events including July Horse Clinic (46). Youth participated at the NYS Fair including fashion revue participants being featured in the Cornell Chronicle and were able to interact with students and faculty from the College of Human Ecology. Kristina was the state coordinator of the event. October was the start of the new 4-H year and many clubs resumed programming after the summer months off or focused on fair. This includes 4-H school clubs at Medina, Kendall and Lyndonville, the FRC teen robotics program, FLL Discovery 5-8 year old program, and other traditional community clubs.

MFP: Offered three classes in May and June. Intro to Sauerkraut (12), Salsa (9) Pressure Canning (9), and Loveable Leftovers (7).

Nutrition Programming: Elderberries continued monthly with two groups of ten seniors participating in social cooking group. Pop-up pantries served an average of 323 households in the last three months. Stone Soup has now completed one of two summer school cohorts, and is currently running an evening cohort.

Digital Literacy: 1:1 sessions continued. Tech 360 program has graduated over 60 participants as of end of September with 19 additional scheduled so far for October. Katie presented at the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development Digital Equity Summit on establishing a digital literacy program.

Fairgrounds and Fair: The fair week was wet and rainy on most days, but had plenty of highlights. Fiscally and in admission numbers were lower than normal but not concerning given the weather. We have begun a more formal feedback process than normal including collecting responses across youth, volunteers, and parents. Once all responses are collected subcommittees will be formed to address those areas the committee picks for improvement.

Rental events highlights include: Ongoing space rental from Blue Groove Coffee; Kruse in for Kohlson; Erie Canal Rabbit Show, IEA Horse Show

Growing Resources for Tomorrow

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities.

What's coming up before our next committee meeting:

Ongoing classes and cohorts through December: Master your garden, Master food preservers classes, Elderberries, Tech 360, Stone Soup

Currently awaiting proposal to continue Tech 360 program.

Will be offering new Master Gardener Training Course in 2024. Prior class was filled to the class maximum, with highest percentage of students staying on as volunteers in the last five years.

Ongoing projects, challenges, and other:

Ag Tech Response Project: USDA continues to hold the project. Awaiting release of funding when NYS USDA funding is reconstituted.

Solar Project: Ribbon Cutting October 19 at 1:00. All are welcome to attend. Working on press release now. Turnaround from project completion to ribbon cutting has had its own unique hiccups.

NYS Ag and Markets:

- Pandemic Funding: Complete, just waiting on direct deposit.
- 2018 Infrastructure: Documents expired. Sent fresh copies yesterday. Moving to comptroller and attorney general and then can begin.
- 2019 Infrastructure: Waiting for final program review.
- 2023 Infrastructure: Mentioned on call with ag and markets, but no official notification of award yet provided.

Eclipse Event: Working with the Chamber of Commerce, Albion Merchants Association, and Dawn to host Eclipse over Orleans Event during the 2024 Eclipse. Three day event planned at the fairgrounds with a variety of activities.

NDEET - National digital Education extension team

Train the trainer for Southern Rural Development center
Oct 16-18 in Salt Lake City

Meeting: Planning & Development

Date & Time: 10-11-23 9:30 a.m.

Location: Legislature

Attendees: Bill Eick, Ed Morgan, Jack Welch

Agenda Item	Leader/Presenter	Discussion	Action
1. Resolution: Filling Vacancy Appointment to County Planning Board	J. Bensley	With the resignation of Paul Schwenk as full representative on the County Planning Board due to family health reasons, Carlton had nominated William Quaranto to serve as his successor, reported J. Bensley. No objections were raised by Committee members. For the record, the alternate Carlton member declined to become full CPB member.	Resolution appointing William Quaranto to serve as fuller CPB member to be placed on the October Legislative agenda
2. Open House for new Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Study	J. Bensley	J. Bensley stated that the Federal Emergency Management Administration will hold an Open House tomorrow between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Hoag Library in Albion to present the preliminary, new Special Flood Hazard Area maps throughout the County. These will be a marked, digital improvement on the current paper versions with poor resolution. There will be a net loss of structures within the SFHAs, however new properties will be added while others lost.	
		FEMA will not make a single presentation of the study for the entire 4 hours. They are proceeding with repeated educational cycles, but also able to speak with attendees on a case-by-case basis. To respond to an inquiry by E. Morgan, J. Bensley said that the lending institutions will ultimately make the SFHA determinations. As to a second question, J. Bensley confirmed that the Erie Canal will still be delineated within SFHAs, but the amount of adjoining private properties to be impacted is yet to be listed by FEMA.	
3. Household Hazardous Waste	J. Bensley	With the receipt of the HHW event invoice from the vendor (EEI), J. Bensley announced that the cost increased 5% from 2022, yet there was a 34% increase in residents attending due to a rise in sign-in registration capacity. Regarding tire collection, the Committee determine to have to separate sessions: 1 part of the HHW event, and the other a stand-alone project with no tire limit imposed upon residents. Upon J. Bensley's request as he prepares a new RFP, the Committee agreed to keep the HHW event at DPW.	
4. Regional Dredging Council Status	J. Bensley	J. Bensley provided a reminder that Regional Dredging Council counties had been invoiced for \$12,500 each. However, Cayuga County had previously conveyed that it would provide \$10,417 by the end of the year. Monroe County informed that it was unlike to submit funding in 2023, and Wayne County desired more compelling reasons since its Planning Director was relatively new. For that final request, Rob Klavoon of Wendel graciously agreed to directly contact the Director to make the compelling case.	
5. Upcoming Meetings/Events	J. Bensley	J. Bensley said he would attend at least the early part of FEMA's Open House tomorrow to benefit from answers to critical questions from the public. He is also scheduled to attend NYSAC Planning Directors on October 20th (virtual), and Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority quarterly session on November 2nd (virtual).	

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Bensley

10-12-23

Date

Meeting: Tourism

Date & Time: 10.11.23 @ 9:00am

Location: Legislature

Attendees:

Dawn L. Borchert, Bill Eick, Ed Morgan, Jack Welch, John Fitzak

Agenda Item	Leader/Presenter	Discussion	Action
Marine Park Update	Dawn	* Closure of Park * Revenue for 2023, Charge fee For Pavilions in 2024 2023 = \$ 64,996 2022 = 46,200 * Oak Orchard State Marine Park - Contract	Updated Will look into rental Fee for park pavilions in 2024
Marine Park	Dawn	* ONNA - Friend of the Orleans County Marine Park (Few Grant Opportunities)	Upated
Tourism Office	Dawn	* Eclipse Glasses * Our Fall Fishing Ads * NYPA and Canal Corp Visit - Oct. 19th & 20th, 2023	Updated
Tourism Office	Dawn	* Regional Meeting in Buffalo over the next few weeks * Advertising "Women Anglers" (Nov. to Feb) PA market * Working on our Matching Funds Grant for 2024 * Niagara Cty - Fishing Visitor Spending	Updated
Tourism Office	Dawn/Ron	* Ad Sales for 2024 TG * Maison Albion * Millers Bulk Food Bakery * Youth Family Game Night (Thurs. Oct. 12th)	Updated
Tourism Office	Dawn	* STAMP - Updates	Updated

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn L. Borchert

10.11.23

Date