

TO: Town of Ulysses Supervisor and Town Board members  
FROM: Darby Kiley, Environmental Planner  
DATE: May 4, 2017  
RE: Environmental Planner Report for May 9, 2017 Town Board Meeting

### **Planning Board**

The PB discussed the draft ag/rural zoning on April 18 and May 2, and completed a memo to the zoning steering committee. On May 2, the PB re-approved an expired site plan for a residence on the lake. The PB also reviewed the Inn at Taughannock variance proposal, which include several sign variances and variances for setback along Gorge Rd and building height.

### **Board of Zoning Appeals**

The BZA approved two variances on April 19: a sign variance for the Halsey House, and a front yard setback variance on Kraft Rd. They also passed resolutions on the draft ag/rural zoning.

### **Grants**

**Zoning Updates Grant** – The steering committee discussed the Jacksonville zoning on April 6, 17 and May 4.

**Salo Drive Land Acquisition** – Waiting for a contract from the State.

**Clean Energy Communities** – three of the four required High Impact Actions were submitted. One of the items was the unified solar permit for which we received \$2,500 on 5/4. Once the fourth action item is submitted and approved, the Town is eligible for \$100,000 or \$50,000 in grant funding.

### **Other Meetings/Issues**

**Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (IO)** – 4/26: Discussed the wrap-up on the restoration and protection plan grant and steps for when the next grant contract is available.

**Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)** – 4/28: A representative from NYSERDA (Brad Tito) attended the meeting and answered questions regarding CCAs in other locations and potential statewide policies.

**ITCTC** – 4/18: the Council discussed a number of budget amendments for projects.

**Pictometry training** – 4/18: attended training on a mapping resource available in the county.

**Planning Advisory Board (PAB)** – 4/26: Presentation on structural landscape connectivity and resilience in Tompkins County; discussion on draft recommendations from the county housing strategy.

**Residential Energy Score Project** – 4/13: Nick Goldsmith was a featured speaker on a NYSERDA webinar and reported on this project.

**Solar PILOT** – Liz and I continue to learn more about this process and how to proceed with a payment in lieu of taxes agreement for a project in Ulysses. Attended a workshop on solar and taxation on 4/11.

**Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County (SWC)** – 4/26: Presentation on culvert database developed by EFC for the Towns of Ulysses and Caroline; discussed annual report, trainings and outreach/advertising.

**Water Resources Council (WRC)** – 4/17: the council were shown a demonstration on Cornell's soil health trailer.