

Town of Grand Island - Workshop Meeting #51

A workshop meeting of the Town Board of Grand Island, New York was held at the Town Hall, 2255 Baseline Road, Grand Island, NY at 6:00p.m. on the 16th of December, 2019.

Present:	Nathan D. McMurray	Supervisor
	Beverly A. Kinney	Councilwoman
	Michael H. Madigan	Councilman
	Jennifer L. Baney	Councilwoman
	Peter Marston, Jr.	Councilman
	Patricia A. Frentzel	Town Clerk
	Peter C. Godfrey	Town Attorney

Supervisor Nathan D. McMurray called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

Town of Grand Island Resource Guide for the Protection and Promotion of Agriculture and Farming – SEQR

A motion was made by Councilwoman Baney, seconded by Councilwoman Kinney to issue a Negative Declaration for the Grand Island Resource Guide for the Protection and Promotion of Agriculture and Farming and to adopt the Reasons to Support Determination of Significance as follows:

1. Impact on Land

The Proposed Action will have no direct impact to land as it is a guidance document for future policies, regulations, and actions for protecting and promoting agriculture in the Town. Any regulatory changes in the Town code would be subject to environmental review as would and any future, potential land development changes. For these reasons no significant adverse environmental impacts to land resources are anticipated.

2. Impact on Geological Features

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact geological features; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

3. Impact on Surface Water

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact surface water; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

4. Impact on Groundwater

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact groundwater sources; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

5. Impact on Flooding

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact flooding; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

6. Impact on Air

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact the air; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

7. Impact on Plants and Animals

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact plants and animals; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

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8. Impact on Agricultural Resources

The Proposed Action will have a beneficial impact to agricultural resources as it provides direct guidance for future policies, regulations, and actions for protecting and promoting agricultural operations of various sizes/extent in the Town. The development of this resource guide carries out recommendations within the Comprehensive Plan and was developed in conjunction with and direction from the local agricultural community. For these reasons no significant adverse environmental impacts to agricultural resources are anticipated.

9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact aesthetic resources; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact historic or archeological resources; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact open space and recreation. The Action would likely have a beneficial impact by providing a mechanism and better coordinated direction on the protection of working lands as open space in the Town. Therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact critical environmental areas; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

13. Impact on Transportation

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact transportation; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

14. Impact on Energy

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact aesthetic resources; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact noise, odor, and light; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

16. Impact on Human Health

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact human health; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

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17. Consistency with Community Plans

The Proposed Action carries out recommendations within the Comprehensive Plan by providing direct guidance for future policies, regulations, and actions for protecting and promoting agricultural operations of various sizes/extent in the Town. Furthermore, the Guide was developed in conjunction with and direction from the local agricultural community as well as the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. For these reasons, the Action is consistent with the local community plan and no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

18. Consistency with Community Character

The Proposed Action does not involve construction or physical changes that would impact community character; therefore, no significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Kinney, Madigan, Baney, Marston, McMurray
Noes 0

General Discussion:

Town Elevator – The \$189,000 of grant money can be held over. The Town Engineer reported that the bid results were substantially higher than anticipated, likely due to the aggressive schedule, time of year, and possibly other contractor's backlog of work. The Town Board will take action again in the spring.

Solar Law Amendments – Decommissioning plan and Clear Cutting proposed to be added. Planning Board and Long Range Planning Committee to review.

Welcome Center Sewer Contract

Open Space Inventory – Matter is in front of the Planning Board

Golden Age Center Additional Security

A motion was made by Councilman Marston, seconded by Councilman Madigan to authorize the Golden Age Center Recreation Supervisor to obtain quotes as per the Town's procurement policy and select a company to install additional security cameras – primarily at the entrances of the Golden Age Center in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Kinney, Madigan, Baney, Marston, McMurray
Noes 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Supervisor McMurray, seconded by Councilman Madigan to enter into Executive Session at 7:00p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person(s) employed by the Town and to obtain legal advice from the Town Attorney.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Kinney, Madigan, Baney, Marston, McMurray
Noes 0

Supervisor-Elect John Whitney, Councilman-Elect Tom Digati and GAC Recreation Director Jennifer Menter were present during Executive Session

A motion was made by Supervisor McMurray, seconded by Councilwoman Baney to return to the Regular Workshop at 7:39p.m.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Kinney, Madigan, Baney, Marston, McMurray
Noes 0

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Approve and Authorize the Supervisor to Sign Corrective Action Plan (CAP) – Office of the State Comptroller – Report #2019M-34

A motion was made by Councilwoman Baney, seconded by Councilman Marston to authorize the Supervisor to approve the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) – Office of the State Comptroller – Report #2019M-34 and authorize the Supervisor to sign the response.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Kinney, Madigan, Baney, Marston, McMurray
Noes 0

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Baney, seconded by Councilman Madigan to adjourn at 7:41p.m.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Kinney, Madigan, Baney, Marston, McMurray
Noes 0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Frentzel
Town Clerk