

**CHENANGO COUNTY PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES  
June 9, 2020  
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
George Seneck, Sup. Ted Guinn Tom Grace, Sup. Perry Owen Kerri Green	Bob Davis Michael Flanagan Paul Thomsen Steven Palmatier	Shane Butler, Director Rena Doing, Senior Planner Corey Katusha, Planner		1-vacancy Paul Romahn Sally Chirlin

Mr. Thomsen called the meeting to order at 9:01am

**Open Discussion:**

**Hazard Mitigation Plan:**

Mr. Butler stated that the Planning Department was still working with municipalities to complete the plan. There has been talk of a deadline extension for the plans due date because of the COVID-19 pandemic. But no official decision has been made. Letters of Intent (LOI) and Municipal Agreements (ISAA) have been sent out. Most municipalities have sent the two items back. Municipalities sections of the plan have been sent out to be updated and insure the information is correct, only three have been returned currently. Mr. Butler has sent the County section of the plan to department heads for review and to think of projects. Mr. Butler stated that some projects suggested include a generator for the County Office Building, evacuation routes for the County, etc...

Mr. Thomsen was surprised the County Office Building had no standby generator.

Mr. Palmatier stated that cell phone coverage in the County should be a project.

**Transportation:**

Mr. Butler stated that transportation outreach has been difficult during the pandemic. With many people out of work and employers shut down the transportation to employment program is stalled. Due to fear of catching the virus many of the volunteer drivers have dropped out.

**Consultant's Report:**

Mr. Palmatier stated that he is still working with Unadilla Valley to become an SME prime school. He held a meeting with manufacturing companies and is trying to secure funding for the school.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

- Sup. Grace stated the Town of Columbus was still working on its solar law.
- Mr. Guinn asked for an update on the Guilford Article 78 proceeding. Mr. Butler stated that the attorneys had to submit their information to the court. The trial will take place with no one in the courtroom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The date for the trial will be June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Sup. Seneck stated that Calpine who was developing the windfarm in Guilford had sold both its Bluestone and Highbridge projects. The new company is called Heartland and they have experience with building wind turbines. Sup. Seneck was going to update the Planning Department on the new point of contact for the project. Sup. Seneck discussed the need for internet in the County.

With no further comments or business, the discussion ended at 9:12 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: July 14, 2020 at 8:15 a.m.**

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rena Doing, Senior Planner and Corey Katusha, Planner.