

**Town of Pompey
ECC Meeting Minutes DRAFT
March 6, 2025**

ATTENDEES:

Chair: Phil George, Deputy Chair: Kathleen Bertuch, John Herrington, Craig Dennis, Adam Scalisi, Beth Aust, Stan Gorman, Paulie Drexler
Absent: Martha Viglietta

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kathy will follow up with the February recording secretary, and Paulie will provide addendums.

Recording secretary for March: Beth Aust

UPDATES:

- **Chair:** No updates at this time
- **Deputy Chair:** No updates at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

Onondaga County Planning Federation Report Out:

The Onondaga County Planning Federation's Annual Training Symposium will be held on March 26, 2025. Craig will attend and bring back information.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

A. Town Policy on Web Page and Facebook Postings:

- No movement from the Town.
 - Currently, there is no Town Facebook page for the ECC to post about contests or engage the community. The only option is posting on the Town Website.
 - Veronica could not find email/info on the snowman contest to post on the Town website. The current process for ECC submissions is to email Veronica what ECC would like posted (e.g., contests, Earth Day, etc.). The process for community involvement in submitting photos for contests has been emailing the Town Clerk, though no submissions have been received or posted.
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- **New Process:**

- Before anything is posted to the Town website, written approval from the Town Supervisor is required via email.
- Once approval is received, the email will be sent to Veronica.
- A text will be sent to Veronica to inform her of the email.
- The ECC group agreed that the email to the Supervisor for website submissions should come from the ECC Chair, Phil.
- The ECC group also agreed to ask the Town if one request can be submitted yearly for contests (e.g., a pumpkin carving competition every fall, a snowman contest every winter).
- The group will also ask if community submissions can be sent to the ECC Chair's email instead of the Town Clerk's email.

B. Project Updates:

- **Snowman Contest:** No entries received that the ECC group is aware of, and no postings on the Town website. Kathy will double-check with the Town Clerk, and Nikki will verify if any submissions were received. If submissions are received, the ECC group will vote for a winner.
- **Photograph Contest:**
 - Adam will conduct a dry run before launching a photo contest for a Pompey Calendar. He will create a flyer with the following rules:
 - Two age categories: under 18 and over 18
 - Photos must be nature and/or environmentally focused and taken within the Town of Pompey
 - Photos do not have to be current; older photos that meet the criteria are acceptable
 - The goal is to obtain submissions one week prior to Earth Day.
 - Phil will request approval for the Spring Photo Contest submission from the Town and will ask if photo responses can be sent to his email as the ECC Chair.

C. Earth Day 2025:

- The Earth Day event will be held on April 26, 2025. Promotion will be done through FP school newsletters (submissions in), public flyers, and ECC member online posting efforts.
- Paulie has ordered and paid for 500 tree seedlings to be given away at Earth Day. The cost of the trees was \$325. If the ECC does not obtain sponsors for the trees, individual group members will share the cost (about \$35 per member).
- The Audubon of CNY and DEC officers will not attend this year, allowing room for the Fabius Pompey National Honor Society Students (selling coffee and donuts/offering rock painting for kids) and the Boy Scouts (collecting cans).

D. Cell Towers:

- Stan spoke with Tim Bearup (Code Enforcement Officer). There is speculation that a solar application will be coming in. Two engineering structural reports for the towers were received, which is gaining attention. Legal is involved, and Stan will discuss it with them. However, this is not a priority right now due to other town matters.
- Tim will review the process, as the Town is supposed to measure radio frequencies from the towers every 6 years, which has not been done (to Stan's knowledge) since 2000. The towers should be measured every 2 years, which has also not been done. This is outlined in the Town Law.
- Stan is concerned because this has not been done in the past 25 years. He got involved with the solar issue to ensure the Town is not responsible for all monitoring; this responsibility should be with the solar companies. There is a tower that should be decommissioned.
- The Town Lawyer wants to discuss this further. Some assessments have increased over the years, but they need to ensure that this is the right direction, especially with additional solar panels and the introduction of 5G. More financials are expected, and Stan will speak with the Assessor, Brian Fitts. More discussion is expected at the next meeting.
- The tower was built in 1964.

E. Community Engagement:

- **ECC Articles for the Town Website:**

- Martha has sent and obtained approval for her first article on Earth Day. Phil will request blanket approval once the schedule of articles is finalized, aiming to get approval for the rest of the year.
- Monthly articles will target different environmental/natural resource topics of general interest.
- Articles should include links to official County and State agency websites for additional information and to verify that the information is supported by fact.
- As information on Federal Agency websites is subject to change, links to Federal websites should not be used.
- Topics will be finalized at the April meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

None at this time.

NEXT MEETING:

April 3, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.