



Sullivan County

Planning and Community Resources Committee

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman Matt McPhillips
Vice Chairman Terry Blosser-Bernardo
Committee Member Luis Alvarez
Committee Member Catherine Scott
Committee Member Joseph Perrello

Thursday, September 4, 2025

11:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Matt McPhillips called the Planning and Community Resources Committee to order at 11:20am.

Roll Call

Present: Matt McPhillips, Terry Blosser-Bernardo, Luis Alvarez and Catherine Scott

Absent: Joseph Perrello

Comments:

Brian McPhillips, Nadia Rajs

Joshua Potosek, Michelle Bowers, Dan Hust, Sharon Jankiewicz, Heather Brown, Laura Quigley

Wendy Brown, Diana, Dr. Larysa Dyrszka, Rebekah Creshkoff, Ken Walter, Lise Kennedy, Star Hesse, Jerry Stevens and Matt from the Democrat

Reports:

Commissioner Laura Quigley gave an update on the Division of Community Resources.

1. Division of Community Resources
Monthly Report
September 2025

[ID-7718](#)

Attachments: [2025 PandCR September Report](#)

2. Division of Planning

[ID-7726](#)

Attachments: [August 2025](#)
 [July 25 AG report](#)
 [2024 Benchmarking Report](#)
 [Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking – The White House](#)
 [7.29 Memo from Attorney General Bondi Guidance for Recipients of](#)
 [Federal Funding Regarding Unlawful Discrimination](#)
 [grant management 101 \(2\)](#)

Commissioner Heather Brown gave an update on the Division of Planning.

Discussion:

1. **Hudson Valley Community Preservation Act**

Commissioner Heather Brown lead a discussion regarding the Hudson Valley Community Preservation Act.

Hudson Valley Community Preservation Act (CPA)

[ID-7762](#)

Attachments: [Hudson Valley Community Preservation Act](#)

Public Comment

1. Wendy Brown made a public comment.

Resolutions:

1. To Authorize One (1) Public Hearing for The Sullivan County Office for the Aging

[ID-7707](#)

Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul

Attachments: [Public Notice Public Hearing 2025](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 9/18/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman McPhillips, Vice Chairman Blosser-Bernardo, District 6
 Legislator Alvarez and District 5 Legislator Scott

Absent: District 7 Legislator Perrello

2. To authorize the County Manager to apply and accept a State Municipal Facilities Grant Award of \$125,000 for the design and construction of an access drive, parking area and hiking trails for Callicoon Riverside Park.

[ID-7719](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 9/18/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman McPhillips, Vice Chairman Blosser-Bernardo, District 6
 Legislator Alvarez and District 5 Legislator Scott

Absent: District 7 Legislator Perrello

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3. To appoint members to the Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation. [ID-7722](#)

A motion was made by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 9/18/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Vice Chairman Blosser-Bernardo, District 6 Legislator Alvarez and District 5 Legislator Scott

Absent: District 7 Legislator Perrello

Abstain: Chairman McPhillips

4. To direct the development and issuance of a Request for Proposals for a countywide groundwater study. [ID-7723](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 9/18/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman McPhillips, Vice Chairman Blosser-Bernardo, District 6 Legislator Alvarez and District 5 Legislator Scott

Absent: District 7 Legislator Perrello

5. To award funding through the 2025 Removal of Unsafe Structures (RUS) Program to two municipalities. [ID-7724](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 9/18/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman McPhillips, Vice Chairman Blosser-Bernardo, District 6 Legislator Alvarez and District 5 Legislator Scott

Absent: District 7 Legislator Perrello

6. Establishing a Sister Community Partnership Between Sullivan County, New York and Ternopil Region, Ukraine [ID-7735](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 9/18/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman McPhillips, Vice Chairman Blosser-Bernardo, District 6 Legislator Alvarez and District 5 Legislator Scott

Absent: District 7 Legislator Perrello

Executive Session

Catherine Scott moved to go into Executive Session at 11:50am to discuss collective bargaining agreements and the employment of a particular corporation etc., seconded by Luis Alvarez all in favor 4-0.

Luis Alvarez moved to come out of Executive Session at 12:42pm seconded by Catherine Scott, all in favor 4-0.

Adjourn

There being no further comments, Luis Alvarez moved to adjourn, seconded by Catherine Scott. The Planning and Community Resources Committee was adjourned at 12:42pm.