

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 2, 2019**

ATTENDEES:

Legislators: Dale Weston, Ed Hollenbeck, Mike Roberts, Dennis Mullen

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Abbey Hendrickson, Wendy Walsh

Guests: None

Legislator Sauerbrey was not in attendance.

Legislator Weston called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from June 4, 2019 – Legislator Weston asked for approval of minutes from the June 4, 2019 committee meeting. Legislator Roberts made a motion to accept the June 4, 2019 minutes, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck. All were in favor.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Wendy Walsh – Ms. Walsh previously emailed her monthly report and was displayed electronically at the meeting. Ms. Walsh reviewed her report; highlighting Agriculture, Chesapeake Bay TMDL, the Dean Creek Watershed Protection Project, Hazard Mitigation, Stormwater, the Stream Program, and any meetings, trainings & miscellaneous activities for the month.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING: LeeAnn Tinney

Ms. Tinney introduced Abbey Hendrickson, Community Development Specialist, and reported the following; agenda previously emailed:

A. Meetings – 28 meetings were attended.

B. Active Projects - 13

C. Active Leads – 3 potential new projects

D. Grants - 30 (plus DRI)

1. Active - 8
2. Pending - 6 (plus DRI)

3. Potential - 15 trying to encourage
4. Completed - 1

E. Plans/Studies - 8

F. Reviews (239) – 1 presented at the Planning Meeting on Wednesday, June 19th.

G. Land Bank - 12 properties

1. 9 – To be demolished.
2. 3 – For rehabilitation.

H. Budget – Tracking well; no issues.

I. Other

1. IDA – Looking at purchasing additional land and the V & S project is moving forward; they have broken ground and building has begun.
2. Back fill Economic Development Specialist position – Ms. Tinney distributed a memo and presented accomplishments and other information, as requested at the last meeting, to justify her desire to back fill the position that is no longer held by Zack Baker since June 14th. Ms. Tinney stated she will confirm that the IDA will continue their contribution. After a short discussion, it was decided by the committee to move forward with backfilling the position; to be reviewed in a year.

J. Directors Summary

1. Regional Council Board of Directors has verbally agreed to add another Tioga County representative on the Board of Directors.
2. Finger Lakes Wine Country Tourism Marketing Association continues to work on the rebrand; waiting for consultants to come back with results.
3. Phase II Housing Study status
 - a. Tioga County Housing and Community Investment Board being formed; a group that champions the housing effort. Ms. Hendrickson will be taking an active role in this project. Villages of Owego, Newark Valley and Waverly have active community groups at this time.
4. ST8 is conducting an Energy Infrastructure Study and ED&P is participating; only in the beginning stages at this time.
5. Workforce Pipeline Study status – Waiting to hear if we will receive funding for the next phase of this project.
6. 239 Review presented at the Planning Board Meeting on June 19th - 2019-008: Town of Candor, Solar Energy Systems Site Plan Review, Delaware River Solar, LLC - Applicant wishes to install and operate a 5 MWAC on 30 acres of leased land on West Creek Road. Staff recommended approval and the TCPB carried the vote.

7. Projects

- a. 3 local businesses looking to expand in the area, all in the manufacturing field.
 - b. 2 active hemp related leads related to manufacturing, not growing.
 - c. Cabinets by Marciano, a Staten Island company, bought the Stakmore Building a year ago. Met with them for a tour. They have been using all their own capital to get the business going. Equipment worth a half of a million dollars has been installed; they are close to being ready to hire 20 people.
8. Consolidated Funding Applications – Due July 26th; hopefully submitting 15 applications.
9. DRI announcement expected July/August timeframe.

Resolutions – The following resolutions were presented and approved:

G06-Resolution to Appoint George Williams to the Property Development Corp Board

G07-Resolution to Appoint Lesley Pelotte to the Property Development Corp Board

G08-Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018

ADJOURNMENT – With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sampson

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