

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 5, 2019**

ATTENDEES:

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

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson

Guests: Wendy Walsh, Soil & Water, Andy Fagan, CCE

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

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from October 8, 2019 – Legislator Weston asked for approval of minutes from the October 8, 2019 committee meeting. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to accept the October 8, 2019 minutes, seconded by Legislator Roberts. All were in favor.

TIOGA COUNTY SOIL & WATER: Wendy Walsh – Ms. Walsh distributed and reviewed her monthly report.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: Andy Fagan – Mr. Fagan distributed his monthly report; he discussed and answered questions regarding the resolution to Support Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations in the State of New York, being brought forward at today's meeting. Mr. Fagan announced the annual meeting will be on December 9th.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING: LeeAnn Tinney – Agenda, attachments and highlights previously emailed. Following are the Director's Highlights:

Meetings Attended

- Southern Tier 4th Wave – Project moving forward. Bringing together local businesses and economic developers for a meeting on November 13th to discuss battery technology.
- STREDC – Monthly meeting attended.
- Finger Lakes Wine Country Tourism Marketing Association – Monthly meeting attended.
- Tioga Women Lead – Monthly meeting attended.
- Valley Economic Development Association – Monthly meeting attended.
- Southern Tier 8 – Attended their Energy Solutions Summit at Tioga Downs; talked about energy challenges and possible solutions for the region.
- Housing & Community Renewal – Meeting was DRI specific.

- Waverly Central School
 - Wolverine Den Ribbon Cutting – This is a classroom space that students renovated and out of that space the students are running a credit union partnership, IT tech support desk and have food and snacks for sale.
 - Workforce Development – Work-based learning program continues.
- Owego Apalachin Central School
 - STEAM 21 Steering Committee – Attended meeting.
 - Workforce Development – This project continues.
 - CNYOG/Stagecoach PILOT – Working on the school's request to extend the Central NY/Stagecoach PILOT; resolution below.
- Municipal Visits
 - Village of Owego
 - Village of Waverly
 - Town/Village of Nichols - Attended the Fire Station groundbreaking event.
- Business Visits
 - Upstate Safety Training
 - Truebite – A small manufacturing company in Hidden Valley; looking for help with expansion.
 - Raymond Hadley – Looking for assistance.
 - Liberty (Lounsberry) Truckstop – Renovations have begun.
 - High End Multi Processing (HEMP)/Midwestern Pet Foods – Facing challenges with extending water and sewage; providing assistance.
 - Voigt & Schweitzer - Groundbreaking event this morning, November 5th. Senator Akshar spoke and News 34 conducted interviews. It was a nice event, well attended.
 - Owego Gardens 2 – Plans for construction of the water tower are in review with Suez. Once they okay the plans, the project will go out to bid and construction can begin. Once that is completed Owego Gardens 2 can begin their project.
- Presentations
 - Tioga County Chamber Economic Forum held at the Tioga Golf Club; well attended, good speakers, nice event.
 - WATS Radio interview; discuss workforce development.
 - Owego Rotary – Spoke about the Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Department Highlights

- Land Bank
 - Vacant lots – Advertisements placed on the properties for sale; signage is up.
 - 2 properties - Rehab commencing.
- 2020 Census Complete Count Committee - Outreach ongoing; Ms. Jardine continues to work on this project. Partnerships are being established.
- Village of Owego DRI – Close to getting one of the contracts in place between HCR (Housing Community Renewal) and the IDA, covering 18 projects. The project owners will then have an agreement with the IDA.
- Community Development
 - Waverly Glen Park – Ms. Hendrickson has worked through the State paperwork challenges with the Village of Owego; the work is now commencing.
 - Housing Implementation Strategy – Progress on this project has slowed down with Ms. Abbott out of the office.

- Foundation Coalition – Ms. Hendrickson has made progress getting the Foundations to agree to use one universal application; simplifying the process to access Foundation funding.
 - Workforce
 - Workforce Development Pipeline Strategy - Waverly Central School District and Owego Apalachin School District will be taking the lead on Phase 2 of this project.
 - Ag
 - Ag Market/distribution research – Ms. Griffiths has conducted research on Food Hubs; this was outlined in the Ag & Farmland Protection Plan. Ms. Tinney agreed to send the summary to committee members.
 - Solar field mapping/assessment project – Ms. Griffiths put together a map of solar project locations in Tioga County by megawatts and will continue to add to the map as we hear of them. This map was on display. The next phase of this project is to look at the impact these solar projects have on the assessed value of these properties.
 - Grants
 - Pending
 - Snowmobile
 - Village of Owego - Assisted the Village with the application to the Cornell Design Connect Program for the Art Park.
 - Town of Richford - SAM Grant - Received information from Assemblyman Friend that there was \$50,000.00 in grant money available. Reached out to Town of Richford knowing they needed equipment; assisted with application.
 - Village of Owego - Police Station exterior restoration grant completed; hope to hear news in December.
 - Evergreen Cemetery - Ms. Jardine assisted with application to Tioga Downs for monument repair.
 - Town of Berkshire- Ms. Jardine assisted with application for DOT; sidewalk extension.
 - Active
 - Waverly Glen Park
 - Nichols Park - Grandstand restoration.
 - Village of Owego - Evergreen Cemetery Cultural Landscape Report.
 - REAP - Code Enforcement Shared Services Feasibility Study.
 - REAP - Strategic Planning.
 - REAP – Funding the Workforce Pipeline Strategy Study- Phase 2.
- Ms. Tinney stated the DRI project work will begin soon.
- 239 Reviews
 - County Case 2019-016: Village of Waverly, PUD Site Plan Review/Special Use Permit-Wade's Auction; approval recommended.

- Plans
 - Village of Spencer Land Use Commission - Exploring zoning; Ms. Jardine providing assistance.
 - Town of Richford – Working with Public Health; conducting baseline water testing. Depending on what is found, grant funds may be needed. Ms. Jardine is providing assistance.
- 2020 Budget
 - Economic Development - Tracking
 - Planning - Tracking

Resolutions – The following resolutions were presented and agreement was made to move them forward:

K08-Authorizing Legislative Chair Signature on LSE Pegasus Energy LLC Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement-2019

K16-Resolution to Support Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations in the State of New York

ADJOURNMENT – With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sampson

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