

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING December 7, 2021

ATTENDEES:

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

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Peter DeWind, Jeremy Loveland, Cathy Haskell

Guests: T Hansen, CCE Executive Director, Jared Gulliford, Farm Business Incubator & Facilities Manager, Legislator-Elect Brown, Legislator-Elect Roberts

Committee Chair, Legislator Dale Weston called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from November 2, 2021 – Committee Chair Weston asked for approval of the minutes from the November 2, 2021 committee meeting. Legislator Mullen made a motion to accept the November 2, 2021 minutes, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck. All were in favor.

TIOGA COUNTY CCE: T Hansen – Monthly Report previously emailed. Ms. Hansen reviewed her report highlighting: 4-H & Youth Development and Beginning Farmer Business Incubator at Hilltop Community Farm. Ms. Hansen introduced Jared Gulliford, the new Farm Business Incubator & Facilities Manager. Mr. Gulliford recently moved here and purchased 100 acres in Owego, with his brother. He is looking forward to living and working in Tioga County.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): LeeAnn Tinney – Agenda, attachments and highlights previously emailed.

Ms. Tinney welcomed Legislator-Elect Brown and Legislator-Elect Roberts.

Following are the Director's Highlights:

Meetings– Ms. Tinney reported the following meetings attended:

- Finger Lakes Wine Country
 - Tioga Downs/Tourism participation – An agreement has been reached with Tioga Downs and the Tourism Office to continue to participate; the annual fee has been significantly reduced for Tioga Downs and Tourism is able to contribute the difference.
 - Tioga Women Lead- A reception was held for Sabrina Henriques, the new President/CEO of the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce, at the Tioga Historical Society on 11/9. The Owego Kitchen provided the food; it was well attended.

- ST8
 - Continue to work on broadband expansion across the region; specifically Tioga County.
- Chamber of Commerce
 - Executive Committee
 - Board Meeting
- Leaders Meeting
- Regional Economic Development Organizations Meeting- Meet every other month with local IDA's and Economic Development Offices.
- Municipality Visits
 - Town of Nichols- Met with Mr. Engelbert.
 - Village of Owego
 - Panning Board- Working on filling a position on the Planning Board to be able to move forward with the Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Project on Temple & Liberty Streets.
 - Village of Waverly
 - 2022 DRI Application discussion- Meeting with Mayor Ayres this afternoon.
- Business Visits
 - Applied Technology- Met with Steve Lounsberry.
 - Nelson Development- Met with Bruce Nelson.
 - LaBella- Met with Nicolette Wagner on a NYSERDA Project that is pending.
- Presentations- none

Department Highlights

- Village of Owego
 - DRI (18 projects)- Continue to move forward. Building in progress on the following:
 - Shear Paradise
 - Home Central
 - NY Main Street, Owego (5 projects)- Ongoing.
 - Owego Gardens 2
 - Tank construction complete.
 - NYSEG is working on getting power up the hill.
 - Booster Station upgrades- Working with Suez on these upgrades.

Ms. Tinney reported it is the intent of Home Leasing to start leasing out the upper townhouses by May.

- Village of Nichols
 - USDA Shared Services- Sweeper/Vac Truck has been ordered- Waiting for equipment delivery. Ms. Tinney will look into the delivery date.
- RESTORE NY- The following projects are in the final stages:
 - Owego
 - Ribbon Cutting held 11/9- The Chamber coordinated press on this event.
 - Waverly- Nearing completion; final paperwork with the State.
- Land Bank
 - OASCD project- Working with the school district on purchasing a property. The Land Bank will obtain the property by way of funding from the Hooker Foundation; the students will work on the rehab of the property. The plan is to sell and buy another property to rehab.
 - Temple and Liberty LLC
 - Local Approvals

- ❖ Village of Owego Planning Board- Approval this month.
 - Tenant Relocations- Completed.
 - Property demolitions should begin next week.
- Community Development
 - Catholic Charities Women's Transitional Housing visit at St Margaret Mary's Church in Apalachin- Opportunity for 5 residence for women, or women with child. There is an outdoor space and common area; Ms. Tinney added it was a beautiful space.

Legislative Chair, Ms. Sauerbrey reported there was a contribution of \$250,000.00 of ARPA funds towards this project.

 - Waverly Gateway Beautification- Ms. Ortu and Ms. Jardine are working on a mural project.
- Workforce
 - Workforce Pipeline Development Study- Implementation
 - Education Workforce Coordinator
 - ❖ Candidate- First interview conducted.
- Economic Development
 - DRI Project administration
 - NYMS Project Administration- Owego and Candor projects are moving forward.
 - GIS/IDA/ED&P Mapping Activities- Mr. Goodrich, GIS, has been helping Ms. Schnabl, ED&P, and Ms. Curtis, IDA, with an online site to include available properties in Tioga County; making it available to developers that are looking for property in the area.
 - State Lead Responses
 - Staffing
 - PT OSII interview- One interview that was not a fit; the search continues.
 - Annual Breakfast Event- Planning has begun.
 - The last event was in 2020.
 - 2022 event will be on January 27th; to be held at Tioga Downs.
- Planning- Ms. Jardine is working on the following:
 - 239 Reviews (1)
 - Town of Nichols Local Law#1 of 2021, Regulation of recreational vehicles outside of parks and mobile home parks. As this is not a land use activity, the TCPB waived recommendation on this case.
 - Renewal Energy Best Practices Study- Request for Proposal has been sent out; looking to put together guidance for municipalities on Solar Projects. What to look for in PILOT Agreements; cost per megawatt, escalation percentage, administrative fee, etc. Ms. Pratt, who is joining the ED&P Department in January, will look at existing projects and their agreements, what revenue is being received and what taxing entities will be receiving as a result of these projects. The purpose is to gain an understanding of what's out there, what is being said to be paid vs. what is actually being paid and to understand the impact of solar to the County, towns and schools.
 - ST8 Build Back Better grant- The Lounsberry Industrial Hub is part of this grant; award to be announced on 12/8.
 - Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) tracking- A chart is in the committee packet showing municipalities that have opted in or opted out of retail dispensaries and onsite consumption up to this date.
 - Tioga County Legislative Redistricting Plan
- Other

- Remote Work Request from one person in the ED&P Department, Brittany Woodburn. Ms. Woodburn has filled out the paperwork to begin working remotely on January 1, 2022; working in the office 3 days and working from home 2 days a week.
- Grants
 - Potential (8)
 - Temple and Liberty LLC- affordable housing
 - Village of Owego- CDBG, Housing Rehab
 - NYS HCR Community Investment Fund
 - Evergreen Cemetery- Mildred Faulkner Truman
 - REAP- Owego Elks, Hooker Foundation
 - Tioga Terrace- Hooker Foundation
 - Village of Waverly- Waverly Glen Park, Hooker Foundation
 - ESD Capital Grant
 - Pending (17)
 - Racker- USDA/CDBG Neighborhood Depot
 - Town of Richford- Senator Schumer, town hall
 - REAP- NPS Historic Preservation Subgrant Program
 - TCIDA-ARC- Education Workforce Coordinator
 - Tioga County- 2020/2021 Phase III
 - CPSI- CFA, ESD Planning grant, incubator plan
 - TC IT- CFA LGE, shared services Owego/Candor
 - Village of Waverly- ESD Planning, Economic Analysis
 - Town of Richford- FEMA (engineering of railroad stream crossing)
 - Village of Owego- OPRHP, OPD building restoration
 - Nelson Development; 48-50 Lake St- ESD Capital grant
 - Evergreen Cemetery- TSB Foundation
 - Home Central, ESD Capital grant
 - Candor Historical Society- CFSCNY
 - Evergreen Cemetery- Weitsman
 - Tioga County- 2021/2022 (Phase II)
 - Carantouan Greenway- Mildred Faulkner Truman
 - Active (25)
 - Village of Owego- RESTORE NY, Briggs/Awad
 - Village of Owego- Downtown Revitalization Initiative
 - Village of Waverly- NYS Parks, Waverly Glen Park
 - Village of Waverly- RESTORE NY, Twigg
 - REAP- USDA, Public Well (equipment)
 - TCPDC- Enterprise Community Partners (land bank funds)
 - Village of Owego- Main Street (CFA)
 - Racker (CFA)
 - Raymond Hadley (CFA)
 - Owego Apalachin Central School District- WDI (workforce)
 - Village of Candor- NY Main Street
 - Candor EMS- Community Foundation, operating funds
 - Tioga Arts Council- Community Foundation, Retail for Good
 - Boys & Girls Club- Hooker Foundation, operating funds
 - Hooker Foundation- Education Workforce Coordinator

- TCLDC-USDA RDBG- Tioga County Recruitment Tool
- TCLDC-USDA RDBG- Technical Assistance to Business
- Catholic Schools of Broome County- Fannie C. Hyde
- REAP, Owego Elks Lodge- Mildred Faulkner Truman, building assessment
- Candor Historical Society- Tioga State Bank
- Village of Nichols- USDA Community Facilities (vacuum truck)
- Candor Historical Society- Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation
- Candor EMS- Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation
- Carantouan Greenway- waterfront trail, TSB Foundation
- Candor EMS, Tioga State Bank Foundation
- Completed (4)
 - TCIDA- FEMA, Monkey Run repairs
 - REAP- Community Foundation (Code Enforcement Plan Implementation Tasks)
 - Tioga County- 2021/2022 Phase I
 - REAP, Owego Elks Lodge- Fannie C. Hyde, building repair

2021 Budget

- Economic Development- Tracking
- Planning- Tracking

Resolutions

- L11-Reappoint Member (H. Visscher) to the Ag and Farmland Protection Board
- L12-Reappoint Member (P. Moore) to the Ag and Farmland Protection Board
- L13-Resolution to Appoint Hannah Murray to TCPDC Board for Two Year Term
- L15-Authorizing Legislative Chair Signature on NY Tioga I LLC and NY Tioga II LLC Lieu of Tax Agreement- 2021
- L16-Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Retainage of COVID-19 Emergency Relief Loan Program Late Fees by the Tioga Co Industrial Development Agency
- L17-Reappoint Member (P Moore) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- L18-Reappoint Member (J Current) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- L19-Reappoint Member (C Robertson) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- L20-Resolution to Renew SWCD Hazard Mitigation Plan Coordination Services 2022
- L33-Authorize 2022 Staff Changes Public Works (EPratt) to EDP
- L45-Authorization to Accept Funds and Modify Administrative Services Agreement with Tioga County Property Development Corporation

Ms. Tinney asked this committee for support to move all resolutions forward; vote on each resolution was the same and follows:

Legislator Hollenbeck -	yes
Legislator Mullen -	yes
Legislator Weston -	yes
Legislator Roberts -	yes

ADJOURNMENT – With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Linda Sampson
 Administrative Assistant Economic Development & Planning