

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 7, 2018**

ATTENDEES:

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

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Zackary Baker, Rita Hollenbeck

Guests: Becca Maffei

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from July 5, 2018 - Legislator Weston asked for approval of minutes from the July 5, 2018 committee meeting. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to accept the July 5, 2018 minutes, seconded by Legislator Mullen. All were in favor.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION: Wendy Walsh – Monthly report previously emailed. Ms. Walsh reviewed her report as well as the Susquehanna River Regional River Initiative and the EPA Evaluation of New York's 2016-2017 Progress and 2018-2019 Milestones.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: Andy Fagan – Mr. Fagan distributed and reviewed his monthly report as well as the CCE South Central NY Dairy and Field Crops Program Quarter Report; April – June. Mr. Fagan also reported the Tioga County Fair is going on this weekend.

AG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Zack Baker – Mr. Baker reported the following:

- Continue to make farm visits, posting on Facebook every week, writing for CCE's Garden Newsletter; keeping people informed.
- Working with the Amish; getting permits to produce and sell baked goods.
 - Assisted in receiving permit to turn the old Newark Valley Golf Clubhouse into a bakery.
 - Assisted the family living in the Clubhouse in getting an engineer to stamp blueprints for house plans so they could move into a house of their own and start using the Clubhouse as the bakery.
 - Connected the Amish with Raymond Hadley to buy baking supplies so they no longer by supplies in Dutch Valley, Pennsylvania.
- Compiling an Agricultural Property Database to help farmers locate properties in Tioga County.
- Assisting farmers with the application process for the Rural Initial Loan Fund
 - Milking parlor Improvements to a barn.
 - Purchase of a mobile unit for organic chicken processing.

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Ms. Tinney reported the following:

1. PLANNING REPORT – Ms. Tinney reported the following; agenda previously emailed:

- **239 Reviews**
 - County Case 2018-017: Village of Spencer, Site Plan Review, Dollar General – Dollar General wants to move their retail store location from the current commercial plaza where the building structure is failing to a stand-alone site across NYS Route 34 on the south side. Staff recommended approval and the TCPB unanimously carried this vote.
 - County Case 2018-018: Village of Owego, Site Plan Review, Endless Mountain Veterinary Center – Applicant, who purchased West's veterinary practice, wants to expand office to include a new waiting area and four more examining rooms. Staff recommended approval and the TCPB unanimously carried the vote.

- **Municipal Plans/Projects** – Ms. Jardine continues to provide assistance with the following:
 - Village of Spencer – Assisting with nomination of Nichols Park to the National Register of Historic Places, and updating specific local land use laws and overall code book.
 - Village of Newark Valley – Assisting with their repeat CFA to NYS OPRHP for restoration of all exterior windows in the municipal building. Also assisting with revising comprehensive plan update.

- **Other** – Ms. Jardine continues to contribute to the following projects:
 - Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Municipalities have participated NYS Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services mitigation strategy to develop at least two specific mitigation action strategies per municipality.
 - Assisted Tioga County ITCS Department with a Local Government Efficiency Program grant application through the CFA for ITSC shared services.
 - Serving on STERPDB's Appalachian Regional Commission Project Review Committee to rate projects submitted during the annual open cycle.
 - Assisting Economic Development in a few on-going development projects specifically regarding local approvals – Owego Gardens 2, V&S, and Applied Technology Manufacturing.

Resolution – The following resolution was presented and approved:

H03 – Appoint Member (Filbin) to the Tioga County Planning Board

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – Ms. Tinney reported the following; agenda previously emailed:

- **Outreach** – The following companies were visited or meetings were attended:
 - Finger Lakes Wine Country Tourism Marketing Association – Attended monthly meeting.
 - Regional Council
 - Executive Committee - CFA Review & Scoring process has begun.
 - Advanced Manufacturing Work Group meeting held.
 - Workforce Development Work Group meeting held.

- Met with Fagan Engineers.
 - Leadership Tioga – Classes continue.
 - Congressman Reed - Attended Annual Manufacturing Summit event.
 - Met with TRC, a local business.
 - Met with George Swansborough - Assisting with plans he has for up on Skyline; campgrounds, drive-in movie theatre.
 - Met with Assemblyman Friend.
 - Institute for Advancement – Classes continue.
 - Saratoga Associates came to visit.
 - Village of Owego – Continue to wait for announcement of Downtown Revitalization Initiative for \$10 M.
 - Crown Cork & Seal – Assisting with NYSEG issues. They are having power outages that are impacting their business; reached out to PSC to provide assistance.
- **Project Updates**
 - Gateway – Project continues; hoping for October completion.
 - Parkview – Project continues.
 - Owego Gardens 2 – Working through permitting process; continue to work on water tank issue.
 - Project Steel – Waiting on an incentive proposal from the State; will then be able to move forward with the transfer of the property.
 - Restore NY Projects – Ms. Saraceno and Ms. Woodburn are working on the paperwork for the following projects in:
 - Village of Owego
 - Village of Waverly
 - Possible housing project on Southside Drive – This project required the rezoning of the property from R2 to R3; the request went to and has been accepted by the Village. The developers are working on obtaining funding for this project. Looking at approximately 40 duplex units.
- **State Leads** – Responded to the following leads with no response yet:
 - Project Bubble
 - Project Ring
- **Ag Economic Development** – Mr. Baker reported earlier; has also met with the following:
 - Justain Jordan
 - Tom Hoffman
 - STREDC – Met with George Minor on available Ag programs available.
- **Workforce Development**

- AAP Program has begun. Ended up with 6 new hires in 2 participating companies; Crown, Cork and Seal and Hardinge out of Chemung County. This was a partnership with MACNY, Owego Apalachin Schools, SUNY, Tioga County and the businesses.

The following school districts are addressing how to keep our youth in Tioga County; providing programs with all having different approaches:

- Met with Waverly Central School – Beginning a Work Based Learning Program.
- Tioga Central School
- Owego Apalachin School

- **Consolidated Funding Applications**

- Village of Owego - North Ave. (NY Main Street)
- Tioga County - Information Technologies connecting the municipalities. (LGE)
- Town of Owego – Application for a salt shed. (WQI)
- Village of Newark Valley –Village Hall windows. (Enviro Protection Fund)
- Soil and Water – Stream Bank Work. (WQI)
- Village of Owego – Sanitary Sewer (WQI)

- **Other**

- REAP – USDA funding awarded \$51,000.00 to move the housing study forward; addressing our housing needs.
- MWBE Public Hearing with Senator Akshar on August 13th, 1:00 PM, at Binghamton University. This hearing will be addressing the challenges of the MWBE requirements placed on rural communities. Ms. Tinney, Bruce Nelson (Developer) and Kate Whitemore (Home Central) will be speaking.
- Tioga County Foundation Coalition – Pulling together all foundations that provide support for Tioga County.
- Tioga Downs Loan Program – Looking at the possibility to present a program that is related to Tourism businesses.
- TEAM Tioga Initiative - 50 municipal meetings have been attended by TEAM members; improving relationships with the municipalities.
- Proposed 2019 Budget for the following:
 - Tourism – Request is less than last year; from \$175,000.00 to \$170,000.00; Ms. Maffei was in attendance for any questions.
 - Economic – No increase.
 - Planning – Slight increase due to upcoming Ag District Review process; anticipating more printing and mailing expense.

Resolution – The following resolution was presented and approved:

H12-Designation of Tioga Co. LDC DBA Tioga Co. Tourism as Authorized Tourism Promotion Agency for 2019

ADJOURNMENT – With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Sampson, Administrative Assistant to Economic Development & Planning