

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 9, 2018**

ATTENDEES:

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

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Wendy Walsh, Barb Neal, Janice Degni

Guests: none

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from September 4, 2018 - Legislator Weston asked for approval of minutes from the September 4, 2018 committee meeting. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to accept the September 4, 2018 minutes, seconded by Legislator Mullen. All were in favor.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION: Wendy Walsh – Ms. Walsh distributed and reviewed her monthly report; highlighting Agriculture, Chesapeake Bay TMDL, Dean Creek Watershed, Hazard Mitigation, Stormwater, the Stream Program, various meetings, trainings and miscellaneous activities for the month of September 2018.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: Andy Fagan – Mr. Fagan was not in attendance, however Barb Neal, CCE Horticulture Educator, was in attendance. Also in attendance was Janice Degni, CCE Team Leader, South Central NY Dairy and Field Crops Program. Ms. Degni presented and distributed copies of a Power Point presentation on the South Central NY Dairy and Field Crops Program. Also distributed was information on the Holistic Management Discussion Group and a fact sheet on Dairy and Field Crops.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

Ms. Tinney reported the following:

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

- **239 Reviews**
 - County Case 2018-022: Town of Tioga, Site Plan Review, F S Lopke Contracting, Inc. – Applicant has obtained a NYS DEC mining permit to establish and operate the Ayres-Brink sand and gravel mine. Staff recommended approval, and the TCPB unanimously carried the vote.
 - County Case 2018-023: Town of Owego, Special Use Permit, Delaware River Solar, LLC – Applicant wants to establish and operate a 5MW community distributed solar array project on Rudin's property on Gaskill Road. Staff recommended approval and the TCPB unanimously carried the vote.

- County Case 2018-024: Village of Owego, Rezoning, Nobiletti – Applicant requests to rezone their property on Montrose Ave from R2 to R3. Staff recommended approval and the TCPB unanimously carried the vote.
- **Municipal Plans/Projects** – Ms. Jardine continues to provide assistance with the following:
 - Town of Richford – Completed and submitted the Technical Assistance Grant to the Preservation League of NYS to fund an updated historic building condition report on the Richford Graded School.
 - Village of Spencer – Applying to Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation for restoration of the historic baseball grandstand. The maximum contractor quote came in at \$80,000.
 - Village of Waverly – Reviewed and provided input on Thoma Development Consultant's comprehensive plan proposal.
- **Other** – Ms. Jardine continues to contribute to the following projects:
 - Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Tetrattech is producing draft sections of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, and Ms. Walsh, Mr. Jura and Ms. Jardine are reviewing them.
 - Serving on STERPDB's Appalachian Regional Commission Project Review Committee to rate projects submitted during the annual open cycle.
 - Assisting the Tourism Office with development of a five-year strategic plan. To date a Plan Steering Committee was identified, a consultant was selected, and meetings were scheduled. Target time for completion is beginning of January 2019.

Resolutions – None

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

- **Outreach** – The following companies were visited or meetings were attended:
 - Upstate Shredding – Facilitated discussions with them regarding dark fiber options; ultimately fiber will be run directly to their facility by way of Plexicom.
 - Town of Tioga Solar Project – Mr. Myers presentation was heard by the Legislators regarding the PILOT on this 10 MW facility in the Town of Tioga. Once this is established, Ms. Tinney reported there is an opportunity for the County to meter a solar field that would allow for net metering; a dollar for dollar match on energy costs for all County buildings. Ms. Tinney will keep this committee informed as she learns more.
 - Regional Council Board meeting
 - Leadership Tioga
 - Tioga County Rural Ministry/Racker Center
 - Transportation – Continues to be a challenge for those in the community who don't have transportation; looking at options.

- Not-For-Profit Hub – Interest in one location to offer shares services, such as a conference room, network, various types of equipment for our not-for-profits at a reduced rate.
- Tioga County Quality of Life Committee - RHNSCNY/TOI
- Larson Design Group
- NYSAC Conference
- Solar Energy Services
 - Tioga County meter at solar field opportunity – Mentioned earlier in this meeting.
- Institute for Advancement
- ESD - Sara Glose
- Swaney's
- ARC Federal Co-Chair meeting
- Tioga Women Lead Event
 - WEBO
 - Links at Hiawatha
- OACSD

- **Project Updates**

- Gateway
 - Public restrooms – Continue to work on this project.
 - Tourism will move into their new office space on December 1st.
- Parkview – Project continues; the elevator is here, ready for install.
- Owego Gardens 2
 - Site visit with neighboring properties regarding drainage issues; looks like a solution has been established.
 - Local permitting complete
- Project Steel - TBD HC, LLC (Voit and Schweitzer) – IDA reviewed and passed the PILOT.
 - Public hearing – One resident in attendance; not a lot of push back on this project.
- Restore NY Projects
 - Village of Owego
 - Village of Waverly
- 2 Plus 4- Southside housing project
 - Public informational meetings – Another public meeting this evening, October 9th; push back from the surrounding neighbors on this project of low-mod housing of 20 duplexes with 40 units. Rezone from R2 to R3 needed to allow the project to be built on one site, instead of subdividing into 20 sites. Will continue to work on.
 - Suez – Will need a water tank on the hill for this project and for the Owego Gardens 2 project; discussions continue.

- Applied Technology
 - Local permitting complete; needed a zone change to move part of their business from where they are now to another location. This project will result in additional jobs.
- Village of Owego DRI
 - Steering Committee Kick-off Meeting was on September 7th.
 - Public input – Visioning; a schedule made by the State on what has to be done and when. 3 events attended with great input:
 - ◆ 3rd Friday
 - ◆ St. Pat's Fall Festival
 - ◆ 1st Friday
 - Local Planning Committee has been established.
 - ◆ First meeting October 10th.
 - Co-Chairs monthly conference call – Co-Chairs have been determined by the State; Mayor Mike Baratta, as the local elected official, and LeeAnn Tinney, as a member of the Regional Council. Legislative Chair, Marte Sauerbrey, has been officially assigned to the committee.

Ms. Tinney reported there will be a “Call for Projects” put out soon. If anyone has a project for review, it has to be in writing.

- New Project - ESD – Providing assistance to the State on a project that could potentially bring in 80 jobs. Working through the Project Review Committee to see what the State might have as an incentive; no local incentive associated with this.
- **State Leads** – None
- **Workforce Development**
 - Request for Proposal for Workforce Development Study - Ms. Woodburn has put through a Request for Proposal with assistance from Ms. Jardine, the IDA and the schools. This proposal is for a study to encourage a partnership with local businesses and schools to determine anticipated needs for programs to prepare students to enter the workforce by the time they get to their senior year. The goal would be to keep young people in the area.
- **Other**
 - TEAM Tioga - Municipal meetings ongoing.

Resolutions – none

Legislator Weston asked for a motion to move into Executive Session. Legislator Mullen made the motion to move into Executive Session; Legislator Hollenbeck seconded the motion.

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

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