

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 4, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Legislators: Barbara Roberts, Dale Weston, Ron Ciotoli, Dennis Mullen, Marte Sauerbrey

Staff: Brittany Woodburn, Linda Sampson, Cathy Haskell

Guests: None

LeeAnn Tinney was not in attendance.

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

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from December 7, 2021 – Ms. Woodburn asked for approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2021 committee meeting. Legislator Mullen made a motion to accept the December 7, 2021 minutes, seconded by Legislator Weston. All were in favor.

TIOGA COUNTY SOIL & WATER: Wendy Walsh – Ms. Walsh was not in attendance. The Tioga County Hazard Mitigation Coordination Services 2021 Report was previously emailed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): LeeAnn Tinney – Agenda, attachments and highlights previously emailed. Ms. Woodburn, ED&P Deputy Director, introduced herself and stated she was filling in for Ms. Tinney.

Following are the Director's Highlights:

Meetings– Ms. Woodburn reported the following meetings attended:

- ST8
 - Broadband – Met to share information on projects currently in progress related to broadband in the Southern Tier Region.
- Chamber of Commerce
 - Executive Committee – Monthly meeting attended.
 - Board Meeting – Monthly meeting attended.
- VEDA – Valley Economic Development Association; monthly meeting attended. Ms. Woodburn reported that Eleanor Hill, President and CEO of the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, had passed away recently. She was a member of VEDA and very active within the community.

- STREDC – Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Corporation; monthly meeting attended.
- Broome Tioga Workforce Development Board – Quarterly meeting attended.
- Regional Economic Development Council – Monthly meeting attended.
- Municipality Visits
 - Town of Nichols – Met to discuss the extension of broadband within the Town of Nichols.
 - Interested in submitting a USDA Broadband ReConnect Grant application to support the project; Esther Woods will be the point of contact. A resolution to allow the ED&P staff to assist with the application, as well as the administration of the grant, is in the committee packet and listed below.
- Business Visits
 - NYSEG
- Presentations- none

Department Highlights

- Village of Owego
 - DRI (18 projects)- Continue to manage projects; all at different stages of development. The Home Central project is moving along quickly and has the most visible progress; possible completion in May.
 - Municipal project kick off meeting- Village of Owego had a kick-off meeting for their 6 municipal projects; ED&P will be providing administrative support. Hunt Engineering has been chosen as the design team. Projects will go out to bid in the near future.
 - NY Main Street, Owego (5 projects)- These projects are ongoing. Two of the projects are nearing completion and will be seeking progress payment for reimbursement. Two projects are getting ready to begin construction; possible completion date of June 2022 for these projects.
 - Owego Gardens 2 – Construction is progressing.
 - Booster Station upgrades – Continued discussions with Suez.
- Village of Nichols
 - USDA Shared Services- Sweeper/Vac Truck has been ordered.
- RESTORE NY
 - Owego- Project complete; waiting for reimbursement from the State.
 - Waverly- Project complete; waiting for reimbursement from the State.
- Land Bank
 - OASCD project – In partnership with the Owego Apalachin School District. The Land Bank is going to purchase a home on Liberty Street and the students will be doing the renovation. Proceeds from the sale will be reinvested in new projects with the school district. We have also been talking with local construction related businesses to partner with as well; making a connection with workforce development.
 - Memo of Understanding in place with the school district; finalizing funding by the end of the month.
 - Temple and Liberty LLC
 - Local Approvals
 - ❖ Village of Owego Planning Board will be meeting this month to make a decision on this project.
 - Property demolitions- To begin early to mid-January.

Legislative Chair, Ms. Sauerbrey, would like to know when the demolitions are going to happen. Ms. Woodburn agreed to let the committee know and reported working with the school district to have someone video the demolitions using a drone as well.

- Community Development
 - Waverly Gateway Beautification (mural projects)- Partnership between the school and the village.
- Workforce
 - Workforce Pipeline Development Study- Implementation
 - Education Workforce Coordinator
 - ❖ Sean Lanning- Potential candidate for this position with start date January 31st; resolution is being presented and is listed below.
- Economic Development
 - DRI Project administration
 - NYMS Project Administration- Owego and Candor
 - GIS Mapping Activities
 - STREDC Loan Committee
 - State Lead Responses
 - GIS/IDA/EDP Available Sites Mapping and Website
 - Staffing
 - PT position still vacant- Search continues to fill this position.
 - Annual Breakfast Event
 - 2022 event moved to end of February due to Covid related concerns.
 - DeLuge Media to provide video for this event.
 - Grant Awards (CFA)- The Governor announced the following Consolidated Funding Application awards this month:
 - Tioga County Shared Technology Services (\$103,522)- Partnered with IT on this application for Village of Owego and Town of Candor.
 - Village of Owego Police Station Restoration (\$468,416)- A Historic Preservation Grant for facade improvements to the Police Station.
 - Village of Waverly Economic Study (\$25,000)- Economic Analysis Study
- Planning
 - 239 Reviews (0)
 - Renewal Energy Best Practices Study
 - MRB Group – Three proposals were received for the Municipal Solar Development Best Practices and Policies Study. A steering committee was created to review the proposals and would like to move forward with MRB Group to conduct the study. Resolution to be presented and listed below.
 - ST8 Build Back Better grant- Not awarded.
 - Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA)- Final summary will be complete next month.
 - Tioga County Legislative Redistricting Plan- Ms. Jardine continues to work on this plan.
- Other
 - Sustainability Manager- Ms. Woodburn reported Ms. Pratt, Sustainability Manager, will send a report on a monthly basis and present to this committee on a quarterly basis like CCE, Soil & Water and Tourism does. The committee was in agreement.
- 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 (14)
 - 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
 - Town of Richford- FEMA (engineering of railroad stream crossing)
 - 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
 - Town of Owego- Cornell Design Connect- Tioga Terrace Park
 - Tioga County Property Development- Hooker- OACSD rehab
- Active (27)
 - 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)
 - 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 RBDG- 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
 - Village of Owego- OPRHP, OPD building restoration

- TC IT- CFA LGE, shared services Owego/Candor
- Village of Waverly- ESD Planning, Economic Analysis
- Completed (0)

Legislator Ciotoli asked if there was a time frame on the pending grant applications. Ms. Woodburn reported they are all on different timelines; however we continue to follow up.

2021 Budget

- Economic Development- Year end; tracking.
- Planning- Year end; tracking.
- Solid Waste- Year end; tracking.

Resolutions

- A19-Municipal Solar Projects Best Practices and Policies Contract
- A21-Authorize Hire of Education Workforce Coordinator (Sean Lanning) EDP Dept.
- A22-Recommend Members to the Susquehanna Heritage Area Commission (Maffei/Ortu)
- A25-Authorizing Legislative Chair Signature on NY Tioga III LLC Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement-2022
- A28-Authorization to Submit Application and Administer a USDA Broadband ReConnect Grant for Town of Nichols

Ms. Woodburn or Ms. Tinney will be at the Legislative Meeting to answer any questions.

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

Legislator Roberts -	yes
Legislator Mullen -	yes
Legislator Weston -	yes
Legislator Ciotoli -	yes

Not on the agenda, it was discussed and decided that going forward each committee member will get a paper copy of the ED&P Legislative Committee Packet.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
 Linda Sampson
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