

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING July 6, 2021

### **ATTENDEES:**

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

**Staff:** Brittany Woodburn, Linda Sampson

**Guests:** Wendy Walsh, Soil & Water District Manager, Christine Curtis, Tioga County IDA

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

### **MINUTES**

- Approval of minutes from June 8, 2021 – Committee Chair asked for approval of the minutes from the June 8, 2021 committee meeting. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to accept the June 8, 2021 minutes, seconded by Legislator Mullen. All were in favor.

Ms. Tinney was not in attendance. Ms. Woodburn was in attendance in her place.

**TIOGA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER: Wendy Walsh** – Monthly report previously emailed. Ms. Walsh reviewed her report highlighting the following: Agriculture, Dean Creek Watershed Protection Project, Hazard Mitigation, Stream Program and activities, meetings, trainings and miscellaneous activities.

Ms. Walsh reported moving forward with the Dean Creek Watershed Planning; the rehabilitation of the two flood control structures in the Town of Spencer. The County and the Town of Spencer, along with Soil & Water, were the original sponsors for the project. As sponsors, we have to come up with an alternative to put in the plan if there is no federal funding to implement the project. Ms. Walsh suggested at the very least, in the absence of federal funds, we could make sure the dams meet existing NYS DEC dam safety requirements in order to keep the structures safe.

Legislative Chair, Ms. Sauerbrey, requested Ms. Walsh provide something in writing stating, as a sponsor, the County is okay with the alternative option of meeting the NYS DEC Dam

Safety requirements in the absence of funding. Ms. Walsh will reach out to the Town of Spencer as well.

**Tioga County IDA: Christine Curtis** - Committee Chair, Legislator Weston, introduced Ms. Curtis to present and answer questions on the following:

- West Bay Star PILOT – Cost Benefit Analysis was distributed; construction of new medical office space leased to Lourdes Hospital. There were no questions. The committee was in support of this PILOT.
- SunEast PILOT – Cost Benefit Analysis was distributed; installation of a solar project on Montrose Turnpike. Ms. Curtis pointed out this project is met with a lot of controversy. After some discussion, nobody was in support of this project.

Legislative Chair, Ms. Sauerbrey, stated that Ms. Curtis should not bring the SunEast PILOT to the Legislature, as it would not be supported.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): Brittany Woodburn** – Agenda, attachments and highlights previously emailed. Following are the Director’s Highlights:

**Meetings Attended** – Ms. Woodburn reported on meetings attended by the TEAM:

- Southern Tier Network – To discuss broadband opportunities.
- Tioga County Chamber of Commerce Board – Attended the monthly meeting.
- Tioga County IDA – Attended the monthly meeting, as well as the Temple Liberty PILOT Public Hearing.
- Tioga County LDC – Attended the monthly meeting.
- STREDC
- Tioga Opportunities – Met to discuss a partnership for a grant opportunity.
- Regional Council – Updating their strategic plan; participated in the following:
  - Advanced Manufacturing Work Group
  - Workforce Development Work Group
- Education Workforce Coordinator Steering Committee
- CCE – Discuss a partnership between the Education Workforce Coordinator and WIOA (Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act) Youth Program.
- Owego Apalachin School District – Met to discuss the following:
  - Child care opportunities
  - Temple Liberty PILOT
- Tioga County Economic Recovery Advisory Council – Met to wrap up the report.
- Business Visits
  - Suez – Met to discuss projects in Owego.
  - Stateline Auto- Attended the ribbon cutting; running a new pilot program sending their cars via rail to Kansas City.
- Municipality Visits
  - Town of Owego- Temple Liberty PILOT
  - Village of Owego- Temple Liberty PILOT
  - Village of Waverly- Village Hall annex
- Prospects
  - Global Environmental Energy- Working to locate an existing building for their operations.
  - Industrial spec space for the Lounsberry area.

- SunEast Solar- PILOT
- Temple and Liberty LLC- PILOT
- West Bay Star (Lourdes)- PILOT
- Presentations – None this month.

## Department Highlights

- COVID-19
  - Tioga County Economic Recovery Advisory Council
    - Wrap-up document/summary – Ms. Jardine did a nice job completing this document summarizing accomplishments. This document could be sent via email if interested.
  - COVID relief programs/resources for businesses- Continue to actively provide assistance.
- Village of Owego
  - DRI (18 projects)- Ongoing
  - NY Main Street, North Avenue, Owego (6 projects)- Projects are ongoing
  - Owego Gardens 2- Project continues.
- Land Bank – Ms. Saraceno continues to work on the Temple/Liberty Street Project in Owego.
  - Deputy Director
    - Job Description changes upon Ms. Saraceno's retirement at the end of the month; incorporate Land Bank duties with Deputy Director.
  - Part Time Hire
    - Job Description
  - HCR webinar- Funding opportunities for the Land Bank.
- RESTORE NY
  - Owego and Waverly projects progressing- Ms. Woodburn and Ms. Saraceno continue to work on; could be completed in the next couple of months.
- Housing
  - Temple and Liberty LLC- Project continues; INHS (Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services) is the proposed housing developer for this project.
    - Watkins Glen project visit- Ribbon cutting event for INHS; a new affordable housing development.
  - SEPP- Potential senior housing project in the Village of Waverly.
- Community Development – Ms. Hendrickson continues to work on the following:
  - Tioga County Non-Profit Network
  - REAP
    - Pat Hanson – Potential new Board member.
  - Tioga County Foundations Coalition
  - Waverly Glen Park- Ribbon cutting event in August
  - Village of Owego- First Friday participation
  - Candor EMS- Grant assistance for operational funds.
  - Village of Spencer- Nichols Park nomination
  - Leadership Tioga- Ms. Hendrickson to take over the facilitator role for this group.

- Village of Waverly- Trail grant application assistance; feasibility study for potential boat launch and trail connections within the Village.
- Workforce- Ms. Woodburn continues to work on the following:
  - Workforce Pipeline Development Study- Implementation
    - Education Workforce Coordinator
      - ❖ Job Posting – 40 applicants; 6 – 8 to follow up on.
      - ❖ Steering Committee has been developed to help with the hiring process.
  - Regional Council Workforce Work Group
  - Broome Tioga Youth Council
  - WIB
- Ag- Ms. Griffiths continues to work on the following:
  - Agricultural Resource Group
  - Ag Value Chain Study Steering Final Report- Copies of the report were available for distribution for anyone interested.
  - CCE- Solar/Ag discussion
  - Other
    - GIS mapping activities
    - OHPC meetings
    - SBDC Small Business Recovery Grant webinar
    - DRI Projects Administration – Assisting with OHPC/SHPO consultations.
    - NY Main Street Project Administration- North Ave and Candor- Ms. Griffiths will be taking over the administration of NYMS projects this month.
    - USDA Community Facilities Shared Services equipment grant
- Planning – Ms. Jardine continues to work on the following:
  - 239 Reviews ( 2 )
    - County Case 2021-014: Town of Owego, Special Use Permit, Nikos Automotive expansion, Board recommended approval.
    - County Case 2021-015: Town of Berkshire, Site Plan Review Local Law amendment, Board recommended approval.
  - Village of Owego/Temple and Liberty LLC local approvals.
  - ST8
    - Opportunity Zone Platform rollout
    - ARC Review Committee
  - Active Plans
    - Village of Waverly Comprehensive Plan
- Grants
  - Potential (13)
    - Town of Berkshire- DOT TAP funding (sidewalk extension)
    - Temple and Liberty LLC- affordable housing
    - Candor EMS- Mee Foundation
    - Village of Owego- CDBG, Housing Rehab
    - Tioga County- NYSDOS LGE- Countywide EMS Evaluation

- NYS HCR Community Investment Fund
- CDBG CARES Act- Small Business Support
- Tioga County EMS District
- REAP- Owego Elks, Les Wagner Foundation
- Candor EMS, Tioga State Bank Foundation
- Tioga County- 2021/2022 Phase II)
- Nelson Development Group, NYMS, Lake Street
- CDBG Housing Rehabilitation
- Pending (23)
  - TCLDC-USDA RDBG- Tioga County Recruitment Tool
  - TCLDC-USDA RBDG- Technical Assistance to Business
  - Catholic Schools of Broome County- Fannie C. Hyde
  - Racker- USDA/CDBG Neighborhood Depot
  - Town of Richford- Lowe's, Rawley Park improvements
  - Town of Richford- Senator Schumer, town hall
  - REAP- NPS Historic Preservation Subgrant Program
  - TCIDA-ARC- Education Workforce Coordinator
  - CPSI- ARC incubator plan
  - Village of Owego- ARC, Creek Trails plan
  - REAP, Owego Elks Lodge- Mildred Faulkner Truman, building assessment
  - Candor EMS- Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation
  - Candor Historical Society- Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation
  - Candor Historical Society- Tioga State Bank
  - Tioga County- 2020/2021 Phase III
  - Tioga County- 2021/2022 Phase I
  - Village of Spencer- Nichols Park Historic Preservation Award
  - Village of Nichols- USDA Community Facilities (vacuum truck)
  - Nelson Development- CFA ESD Capital grant, Lake Street
  - 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)
- Active (21)
  - 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)
  - Midwestern Pet Foods (CFA)
  - Racker (CFA)
  - Raymond Hadley (CFA)

- IDA- USDA RBDG, Ag Value Chain Study
- Village of Waverly- Mildred Faulkner Truman, Waverly Glen Park
- Town of Richford- SAM, Assemblyman Friend (highway equipment)
- Owego Apalachin Central School District- WDI (workforce)
- Village of Candor- NY Main Street
- REAP- Community Foundation (Code Enforcement Plan Implementation Tasks)
- Candor EMS- Community Foundation, operating funds
- Tioga Arts Council- Community Foundation, Retail for Good
- REAP, Owego Elks Lodge- Fannie C. Hyde, building repair
- Boys & Girls Club- Hooker Foundation, operating funds
- Hooker Foundation- Education Workforce Coordinator
- Completed (1)
  - REAP- USDA REDI, Strategic Planning

Legislative Chair, Ms. Sauerbrey, pointed out that the whole County is being represented with these grant applications.

#### 2021 Budget

- Economic Development- Tracking
- Planning- Tracking

There were no resolutions presented.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

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