

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

ATTENDEES:

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

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson

Guests: None

Legislator Mike Roberts was not in attendance.

Legislator Weston called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

TIOGA COUNTY SOIL & WATER: Wendy Walsh - Ms. Walsh was unable to attend, however her monthly report was previously emailed and distributed at the meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): LeeAnn Tinney – Agenda, attachments and highlights previously emailed. Following are the Director's Highlights:

Meetings Attended – Ms. Tinney reported attending the following meetings:

- Tioga Career Center
 - Virtual Job Fair, March 10–March 13 – Ms. Tinney reported there were mixed reviews on the first virtual job fair; looking forward to the final number of participants from Ms. McCall.
- VEDA– Meeting attended.
- Finger Lakes Wine Country– Participated in the following:
 - Finance Committee Meeting
 - Full Board Meeting
- STREDC– Participated in the following:
 - Audit Committee Meeting – Audit complete; good report.
 - Full Board Meeting

- Tioga County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Leaders Meeting
- ST 8 Regional Meeting– Working on a collaborative effort across the region; a marketing approach to opportunity zones.
- Tioga County Economic Recovery Advisory Council
 - Committee Regroup – Met to see if there was any overlap in efforts to avoid; found there weren't as many as we thought. Committees continue to move forward.
- Broome Tioga Workforce Development Board
 - Bob Murphy- Met regarding Workforce Development Pipeline. Ms. Woodburn gave an overview on our Workforce Development Pipeline study; Bob Messler with V& S, was in attendance.
- Senator Schumer – Met regarding a new plan coming out; providing information on what to expect.
- Business Visits
 - Crown Cork & Seal – Discussed training needs; representatives from Corning Community College & SUNY Broome were in attendance.
- Municipality Visits
 - Village of Nichols –Met to discuss the potential shared services grant.
 - Town of Owego – Met to discuss the Owego Gardens project.
- Prospects
 - Manufacturing lead – Looking for location possibilities.
 - Village of Owego- Two commercial/residential developers looking in the Village of Owego for potential projects.
- Presentations
 - Kiwanis- Ms. Curtis and Ms. Tinney presented on IDA 101.
 - WBNG interview- Ms. Tinney; the Owego Gardens project.
 - WBNG interview- Ms. Hendrickson; the proposed Art Park.
 - Kiwanis- Ms. Saraceno and Ms. Woodburn presented on our ongoing rehabilitation projects; Land Bank, DRI, Restore NY and NY Main St.

Department Highlights

- COVID-19
 - Tioga County Economic Recovery Advisory Council (TCERAC)
 - Economic Recovery Strategy Plan – Ongoing; working on the one year projects identified.
- Village of Owego
 - DRI- 18 projects are moving forward.
 - WBNG interview- Art Park
 - NY Main Street, Owego – Six projects on North Avenue; ongoing.
 - Owego Gardens 2
 - Water Tank- IDA portion of the project has begun; excess soil removal has begun.
- Land Bank
 - 2020 Audit- Completed with no issues.
 - ABO- PARIS reporting completed.
- Restore NY
 - Owego and Waverly projects are getting close to the end; final progress payments in process.
- Housing
 - Home Leasing

- Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services– A housing project in partnership with the Land Bank in the Temple and Liberty Street area in the Village of Owego; a conceptual plan includes a housing complex with 40 units, plus 6 - 8 townhouses. A permit issue has been resolved.
- SEPP- A housing agency out of Broome County; looking at a project in Waverly.
- Community Development- Ms. Hendrickson continues to work with the following:
 - Tioga County Non-Profit Network
 - REAP
 - Tioga County Foundations Coalition
- Workforce- Ms. Woodburn continues to work on the following:
 - Broome Tioga Talent Task Force
 - Workforce Pipeline Development Study- Implementation
 - Education Workforce Coordinator- The person in this position would act as the liaison between the school districts, BOCES, employers, colleges and businesses.
 - ✓ A grant source has been identified to fund the position for 3 years.
 - ✓ IDA partnership will be requested once the position proves relevant.
 At the next IDA meeting Ms. Tinney will request the IDA act as the pass through for the grant if it is approved. The hire would be by the way of the IDA as a contract employee.
 - Talent Supply Table- This will begin once the coordinator position is filled.
- Ag- Ms. Griffiths continues to work on the following:
 - Agricultural Resource Group
 - Agricultural Resource Directory Update- Complete.
 - Agricultural District Inclusion revision- Resolution listed below.
 - Met with Crosswind Farm and Ag & Markets- Looking for funding to bring this farm to Tioga County.
 - Webinars attended:
 - Agritourism
 - Broome County CCE- Municipal Solar
 - TCERAC Ag Strategic Implementation meeting attended.
 - Tioga County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting attended.
 - Ag Value Chain Study Steering Committee- Ongoing; draft of the study will be coming soon.
 - Agribusiness Facebook Spotlights/Facebook updates continue.
 - Other
 - GIS mapping activities
 - DRI Project Administration
 - NY Main Street Project Administration
- Planning- Ms. Jardine continues to work on the following:
 - 239 Reviews (1)
 - County Case 2021-006: Town of Tioga, Site Plan Review, Scott Smith & Son plans to replace outdated underground fuel storage tanks at the Village of Owego Delphine Street location by expanding their current Glenmary Drive location. Staff recommended approval with the condition of working with County DPW for driveway permit and the TCPB unanimously carried the vote.
 - Village of Owego assistance with amending Flood Damage Prevention local law

- Village of Owego- Assisting with National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (will reduce residents' flood insurance costs)
- Village of Owego/INHS local approvals for the housing project on Temple and Liberty Street.
- Active Plans
 - Village of Waverly Comprehensive Plan
 - Tioga County Economic Recovery Strategic Plan (COVID)- Implementation
- Grants
 - Potential (15)
 - Town of Berkshire- DOT TAP funding (sidewalk extension)
 - Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services- affordable housing
 - Village of Nichols- USDA Community Facilities (vacuum truck)
 - ARC- Workforce Development Liaison
 - Hooker Foundation- Education Workforce Coordinator
 - Candor EMS- Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation
 - Candor EMS- Mee Foundation
 - Village of Owego- CDBG, Housing Rehab
 - Village of Waverly- ESD Planning, Economic Analysis
 - Tioga County- NYSDOS LGE- Countywide EMS Evaluation
 - Town of Richford- CDBG (engineering of railroad stream crossing)
 - Owego Elks Lodge- Mildred Faulkner Truman, building assessment
 - Berkshire/Owego- NPS Historic Preservation Subgrant Program
 - NYS HCR Community Investment Fund
 - CDBG CARES Act- Small Business Support
 - Pending (8)
 - REAP- Community Foundation (Code Enforcement Plan Implementation Tasks)
 - TCLDC-USDA RDBG- Tioga County Recruitment Tool
 - TCLDC-USDA RDBG- Technical Assistance to Business
 - Catholic Schools of Broome County- Fannie C. Hyde
 - Owego Elks Lodge- Fannie C. Hyde, building repair
 - Candor EMS- Community Foundation, operating funds
 - Tioga Arts Council- Community Foundation, Retail for Good
 - Racker- USDA/CDBG Neighborhood Depot
 - Active (20)
 - 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 REDI, Strategic Planning (extended 1 year)
 - ✓ Cottage Industry Study (TOI/REAP/TEAM Tioga)
 - REAP- USDA, Public Well (equipment)
 - REAP- Tioga Downs, Workforce Pipeline Implementation
 - TCPDC- Enterprise Community Partners (land bank funds)- X2
 - Village of Owego- Main Street (CFA)
 - Midwestern Pet Foods (CFA)
 - Racker (CFA)
 - IDA- USDA RDBG, Multi-county Broadband Study

- IDA- USDA RBDG, Ag Value Chain Study
- Village of Waverly- Mildred Faulkner Truman, Waverly Glen Park
- Town of Richford- SAM, Assemblyman Friend (highway equipment)
- Village of Owego- CU, Design Connect (art park)
- Owego Apalachin Central School District- WDI (workforce)
- Tioga County – 2020/2021 Snowmobile Trails (Phase I)
- Tioga County- 2020/2021 Snowmobile Trails (Phase II)
- Village of Candor- NY Main Street
- Completed (0)

2021 Budget

- Economic Development- Tracking
- Planning- Tracking

Other

- New printer for the department- Resolution listed below.

Resolutions The following resolutions were presented and agreement was made to move them forward:

D05-Amend Resolutions #174-20 and #203-20 to Correct Data Calculations for 2020 NYS Ag District Reviews

D17-Authorize Transfer of Funds for Purchase of Printer for the Economic Development & Planning Department

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sampson

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