

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING May 3, 2022

ATTENDEES:

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

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Cathy Haskell

Guests: Becca Maffei, Tioga County Tourism

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): LeeAnn Tinney – Agenda and attachments previously emailed.

I. MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes of April 5, 2022

Committee Chair, Legislator Roberts, asked for approval of the minutes from the April 5, 2022 committee meeting. Legislator Mullen made a motion to accept the April 5, 2022 minutes, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli. All were in favor.

II. FINANCIAL

The Year-to-Date Budget Reports are in the committee packets; Ms. Tinney reported the following budgets are all tracking:

A. Economic Development – Even though we had sponsors for the breakfast event, some expenses will be coming out of this budget.

B. Planning

C. Sustainability Management

Legislator Mullen asked about Household Waste for electronics, that they have to be taken to Broome County. Ms. Tinney reported Ms. Pratt is working on agreements that are being reviewed by the County Attorney regarding partnering with the municipalities on household electronic waste in Tioga County. Ms. Tinney will get an update on the progress.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Reports – Ms. Tinney introduced Becca Maffei.

1. Tioga County Tourism, B. Maffei – Monthly report previously emailed; a more detailed report was distributed. Ms. Maffei reviewed her report highlighting: DRI Wayfinding Sign Project, Current Promotional Campaigns, Recruitment Website,

Online Services Technical Support Project, Cooperative Event Marketing Program, Southern Tier Regional Water Trail, Waverly Boat Access Project and Owego DRI Committees.

2. Cornell Cooperative Extension Report is in the committee packet.
3. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District – no report this month.

B. Grants:

1. Status- Ms. Tinney reported on the status of grants the ED&P Department is involved in:
 - a. Potential - 14
 - b. Pending - 16
 - c. Active - 36
 - d. Completed – 0

Ms. Tinney reported the following:

C. Economic/Community Development

1. Village of Owego
 - a. Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) administration – Project is ongoing.
 - b. NY Main Street (North Ave.) administration – Project is ongoing.
 - c. INHS Housing Project on Temple and Liberty - Discussions continue; local approval process stalled.
 - d. Racker Project- Local approvals have been obtained; they were necessary for a CDBG Cares Act funding application.
2. Village of Waverly
 - a. RESTORE- Twigg Project - Continue to wait for the NYS MWBE waiver of 3%.
 - b. Mural Project - Gateway beautification project; Waverly Central School students continue to move this project forward.
3. Village of Candor
 - a. NY Main Street administration – Construction has begun on this project.
4. Town of Nichols- Broadband Project - Reconnect grant application made to extend fiber to the unserved and underserved area in the Town of Nichols in partnership with the Town and the use of ARPA funds. USDA has received the application and is under review; should have an answer in June. Ms. Tinney reported recently hearing of another State grant opportunity called Connect All and an application was submitted right away; this could happen in 2022.
5. Municipalities
 - a. Town of Owego visit - Discussion attempts regarding a Reconnect grant application for broadband; extending fiber in the south side of Owego. Ms. Tinney indicated going to the next board meeting.
 - b. Snowmobile Grants- Ongoing

D. Land Bank

1. Temple & Liberty Street
 - a. Demolitions completed
 - b. Village of Owego Local Approval Process – Discussed earlier; still pending.
2. Owego Apalachin Central School District Project - Students assisting in property renovation for resale.
 - a. Closed on the property. It is now owned by the Land Bank.

- b. Ground breaking event being planned to kick off the work with the students.
- 3. Village of Newark Valley visit – Looking for potential housing projects by way of the Land Bank.
- 4. New York Land Bank meetings – Ms. Woodburn serves on and attended the following:
 - a. Rural Land Bank Committee meeting
 - b. New York Land Bank Board meeting
- E. Planning
 - 1. Training – Ms. Jardine and Ms. Pratt held the last two of five trainings listed below:
 - a. NYSERDA- Code Enforcement for Solar (4/26)
 - b. NYSERDA- Battery System Law (4/27)
 Qualified for a \$5,000 credit because the attendee requirement was met.
- F. Sustainability Management – Ms. Pratt continues to work on the following:
 - 1. Renewable Energy Best Practices Study – In the final stages.
 - 2. End Food Waste Program - Working in partnership with Public Health.
 - 3. Tioga County Energy Action Plan- Continue to seek funding.
 - 4. May E-Bulletin sent to Tioga County Employees.
 - 5. Seeking funding for EV charging stations.
 - 6. Electronic Waste drop off sites – Discussed earlier.
- G. IDA
 - 1. Lounsberry Industrial Pocket – A new plan is developing for this area.
 - 2. Owego Gardens II – Project is moving forward; hoping to start leasing the upper town houses by mid-June; depending on the water system.
 - 3. SunEast PILOT negotiations continue on the solar project.
- H. Misc.
 - 1. Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce- Ms. Tinney was invited to participate in interviews for the new President/CEO position; a decision has been made.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reports
- B. Grants
- C. Economic/Community Development
 - 1. Presentations
 - a. Leadership Tioga/Land Bank – Ms. Woodburn presented at the Leadership Tioga class regarding the Land Bank.
 - 2. Amish Farmer assistance- Ms. Schnabl provided assistance with NYS Sales Tax Certificate.
- D. Workforce Development – Mr. Lanning has been working on the following:
 - 1. Army Reserve Training Center tour.
 - 2. Best Buy tour.
 - 3. Raymond Hadley tour.
 - 4. Assisting with the Home Central Annual Trades Day planning.
 - 5. BOCES visits
 - 6. Talent Supply Table - Compiling data/preparing report.
 - 7. Candor EMS Junior Initiative – Providing grant assistance.

8. Attended Tioga Career Center meeting.
 9. Attended Owego Apalachin School Career Center soft opening.
- E. Planning – Ms. Jardine worked on the following this month:
1. 239 Reviews (6)
 - a. 2022-006 Town of Nichols, Zoning Amendment- Solar Energy Systems Law; recommended approval.
 - b. 2022-007 Town of Owego, Rezoning- Wood property from Agricultural to Industrial; recommended disapproval; went back to the Town and did not pass.
 - c. 2022-008 Town of Owego, Rezoning- Steen property from Residential 3 to Highway Interchange; withdrawn, no action.
 - d. 2022-009 Town of Owego, Floodplain Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review- Steen property; withdrawn, no action.
 - e. 2022-010 Town of Owego, floodplain Special Use Permit and Site Plan review, Mix property; recommended approval.
 - f. 2022-011 Town of Owego, Rezoning- Porto property from Agricultural to Highway Interchange; recommended approval.
 2. 2020 Strategic Plan Data Collection and Analysis – Memo and results were previously emailed and also distributed at this meeting. A request was brought forward to the full Legislature to update the expired 2020 Strategic Plan. The Legislature asked for an analysis, as well as the effectiveness of the current plan. Ms. Jardine conducted the search and received input from all departments. An analysis was made on what they were proposing to do and what they were able to accomplish. Results found: 89% of the goals are ongoing or complete and 92 % of the objectives are ongoing or complete.

Ms. Tinney is requesting again to move forward with this plan, proposing a potential funding source, Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant for the 2022 cycle. This grant would cover 50% of the cost. The County match would be \$25,000.00 for the Countywide Strategic Plan. Details are in the packet distributed.

Committee Chair, Ms. Roberts, asked the following questions:

- If we did not get the grant, would the County be obligated? Ms. Tinney responded the County would not be obligated.
- Regarding the results of ongoing & completed; there is no sense of where we are. Ms. Tinney explained that ongoing is something that you continue to do; continue to work on.

After some discussion, the committee was in agreement to move forward and Ms. Tinney is willing to come to the worksession to discuss and answer questions. A resolution for the funding application will be brought forward next month.

- F. Sustainability Management – Ellen worked on the following this month:
1. Provided Assistance with 2022 Environthon.
 2. Broome Tioga Stormwater Coalition Meeting attended.
 - a. MS4 annual reporting completed.
 3. Arbor Day Community Planting in Hickories Park on April 23rd.

G. IDA

1. Working with 4 manufacturers looking to locate in the area.

H. Misc.

1. State Lead Responses- No leads this month.
2. Ms. Tinney had lunch with Amanda Spellacy from Schumer's office.
3. Annual Team Tioga Breakfast at Tioga Downs was a success.
 - a. 100 +/- in attendance
 - b. Video is on Facebook and our website; Deluge Media did a great job.

V. PERSONNEL

A. PT- OSII

1. Position remains vacant

VI. RESOLUTIONS – No resolutions presented this month.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS- N/A

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sampson

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