

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
December 3, 2019**

ATTENDEES:

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

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Teresa Saraceno

Guests: Andy Fagan, CCE

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

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from November 5, 2019 – Legislator Weston asked for approval of minutes from the November 5, 2019 committee meeting. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to accept the November 5, 2019 minutes, seconded by Legislator Roberts. All were in favor.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: Andy Fagan – Mr. Fagan distributed and reviewed his monthly report; highlighting 4-H Youth Development, Youth Employment, Agriculture & Horticulture, South Central NY Dairy and Field Crops, Family Development and Administration, Community Development and miscellaneous items. Mr. Fagan announced the annual meeting will be held at Tioga Downs, 6 PM, on December 9th and Mr. Fagan announced his retirement from Tioga County in June 2020.

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

Meetings Attended

- Southern Tier 4th Wave– Meetings continue on exploring battery technology in the Southern Tier; sharing a final report is expected soon.
- Finger Lakes Wine Country Tourism Marketing Association– Meeting attended and an annual report was distributed.
- Leadership Tioga Commencement– Nice event; held at the Terra Cotta.
- Empire State Development- Met with Omar Sanders, who has left the Governor's Office, and is with Empire State Development.
- NYS Comptroller Audit- The IDA audit is now complete with no major issues. The final report will be distributed when it is completed.
- Tioga Opportunities– Meetings continue regarding the housing initiative.
- Spencer Van Etten School Board of Education- Meeting attended; solar project discussed.

- Waverly Central School District- Workforce Steering Committee meeting attended. Waverly Central School District and Owego Apalachin Central School District are taking the lead with the Workforce Pipeline Phase II Study.
- Tioga Women Lead- Meetings continue to discuss group's direction.
- Municipal Visits
 - Town of Tioga- Meeting attended.
 - Town of Owego- Meeting attended.
- Business Visits
 - Raymond Hadley- Met to discuss recent challenges.
- Presentations- none

Department Highlights

- 2020 Census- Complete Count Committee- Ms. Jardine continues outreach for public awareness; they will have a presence at the Lights on the River Event on Friday. Legislative Chair, Ms. Sauerbrey, requested a presentation to the Legislature.
- Village of Owego DRI
 - TCIDA Multi Site- Contracts close to being in place.
 - Ti-Ahwaga Community Players- Contract being finalized.
 - Assistance admin (forms, materials, approvals)- Ms. Tinney reported that Ms. Woodburn and Ms. Jardine have been doing an outstanding job with assisting the Village of Owego with any administrative issues; updating forms, OHPC guidelines, and timelines. Preparing the Village for the DRI projects that are coming.
- Land Bank
 - Change to By-laws- Resolution listed below. The change in by-laws will allow for two At-Large Members on the Property Development Corporation Board; making it easier to find board members to serve.
 - Board appointments- Re-appointment resolutions below.
- Community Development
 - Tioga County Housing Study Implementation- The following have shown interest:
 - Innarella Developers
 - Allegro Developers
 - Tiny House Project- Owego Apalachin Central School District is working in partnership with Tioga Opportunities on this project.
 - Non- Profit Activity
 - After Hours Event- Ms. Hendrickson attended event.
 - Non Profit Network – Ms. Hendrickson attended meeting.
 - REAP- Ms. Tinney addressed a previous question regarding REAP's relevance; a REAP In Review flyer/report was distributed. REAP is working on the following projects:
 - Broadband Study
 - Strategic Plan- REAP's direction is in discussion.
 - Raymond Hadley- Assisting with their Equipment Lease Program.
 - Ag Value Chain- Working with the ED&P Department exploring an Ag Value Chain study.

Ms. Tinney pointed out the potential, pending and active grants, listed below, running through REAP and indicated their interest in continuing to partner with the ED&P Department to access USDA funds set aside for REAP.

- Workforce
 - Phase II Implementation Strategy
 - Waverly Central School and Owego Apalachin Central School- Both acting as leads in this project.
- Ag
 - 8 Year District Review for 2 districts- Ms. Griffiths begins process next month.
 - Annual Inclusion Enrollment- Ms. Griffiths begins process next month.
 - Food Hub- Ms. Griffiths is exploring an innovative approach to a food hub. An existing company has been identified that will connect producers with the consumers; trucking product from the producers directly to the consumer. An event will be planned to introduce this program soon. Engelbert Farms has agreed to act as the aggregate location.
 - Ag Value Chain study
- Planning
 - 239 Reviews
 - None
 - Plans
 - Village of Spencer Land Use Commission- Public Hearing planned for December 2nd was cancelled due to the weather. A date will be set for next week.
 - REAP- Tioga County Code Enforcement Shared Services Feasibility
 - REAP- Tioga County Workforce Pipeline, Phase II
- Grants- Ms. Tinney reported the ED&P Department is working on and/or assisting with the following grants:
 - Potential
 - REAP- USDA, Tioga County (broadband study)
 - REAP- USDA, Tioga County (Ag value chain study)
 - REAP- USDA Community Facilities, Town of Richford- (water system)
 - REAP- USDA Community Facilities, Richford Fire Dept.- (fire station)
 - REAP- USDA Village of Spencer- Raymond Hadley (equipment)
 - Pending
 - Tioga County- Snowmobile
 - Town of Berkshire- DOT (sidewalk extension)
 - Village of Owego- Design Connect (Art Park)
 - Village of Owego- Police Station exterior restoration (CFA)
 - Village of Owego- NY Main Street (CFA)
 - Village of Owego- Rural Innovation Initiative (CPSI)
 - Owego Apalachin Central School District- WDI (workforce)
 - Town of Richford- SAM, Assemblyman Friend (highway equipment)
 - REAP- Tioga Downs, Evergreen Cemetery (monument repair)
 - ESD Capital (CFA)
 - Town of Barton- Midwestern Pet Foods
 - Village of Owego- Home Central
 - Village of Owego- Racker
 - Active
 - Tioga County- Snowmobile
 - Village of Owego- Evergreen Cemetery Cultural Landscape Report
 - Village of Owego- RESTORE NY, Briggs/Award

- Village of Owego- Downtown Revitalization Initiative
- Village of Spencer- Nichols Park (grandstand restoration)
- Village of Spencer- Nichols Park (historic register nomination)
- Village of Waverly- Waverly Glen Park
- Village of Waverly- RESTORE NY, Twigg
- REAP- USDA, Code Enforcement Shared Services Feasibility Study
- REAP- USDA REDI, Strategic Planning
- REAP- USDA, Workforce Pipeline Strategy Study- Phase 2
- REAP- USDA, Public Well (equipment)
- REAP- Tioga Downs, Tioga Theater (study)
- 2020 Budget
 - Economic Development - Tracking
 - Planning - Tracking

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

- L09-Appoint Member (JWard) to the Tioga Co IDA Board
- L11-Reappointment Member (Whittemore) to Ag and Farmland Protection Board
- L12-Reappointment Member (Bloodnick) to Ag and Farmland Protection Board
- L13-Reappointment Member (Lawton) to Ag and Farmland Protection Board
- L14-Reappoint Member (Filbin) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- L15-Reappoint Member (Pollard) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- L16-Reappoint Member (Chrzanowski) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- L17-Reappoint Member (Reynolds) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- L20-Reappoint TCPDC Board Member Martha Sauerbrey
- L21-Reappoint TCPDC Board Member Michael Baratta
- L22-Reappoint TCPDC Board Member Patrick Ayres
- L23-Reappoint TCPDC Board Member George Williams
- L36-Resolution Recognizing R Kelsey for 22yrs. of Dedicated Service to Tioga Co
- L43-Ammendment to the TCPDC Bylaws to Include At-Large Members

ADJOURNMENT – With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Linda Sampson
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