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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING September 7, 2021

ATTENDEES:

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

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson

Guests: T Hanson, CCE Director

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

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from August 3, 2021 – Committee Chair asked for approval of the minutes from the August 3, 2021 committee meeting. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to accept the August 3, 2021 minutes, seconded by Legislator Mullen. All were in favor.

TIOGA COUNTY CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: T Hanson - Monthly report previously emailed. Ms. Hanson reviewed her report highlighting the following: The completed move to 343 Cass Hill Rd. in Candor, a ribbon cutting event to be held on October 22nd 10:00AM – 2:00PM, an open house at the farm as part of the 4 County Farm Trail to be held October 2nd and 3rd, the success of the Tioga County Fair and Agriculture Resource Group summer highlights and meeting.

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

Not on the agenda, there was a discussion regarding the Candidate for Appointment Form that was attached to a resolution to appoint a new Planning Board member previously emailed. Question #3 regarding natural gas exploration was crossed out. The question presented was should #3 be removed or reworded. The decision was to modify the question to provide thoughts regarding mineral and property rights of private landowners.

Following are the Director's Highlights:

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

- Tioga County Chamber of Commerce Board – Ms. Tinney reported she has been appointed Chair of the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce.
- Tioga County IDA

- Tioga County LDC
- Education Workforce Coordinator Steering Committee Interviews – Two candidates interviewed; one stood out.
- Nelson Development Group – Bruce Nelson is contemplating a project in Tioga County.
- Finger Lakes Wine Country - Met with the finance committee and let them know that the County will not be contributing towards membership going forward. This is the last year of the contract. This started conversation with Tioga Downs as they are still interested in participating. If they continue, they will move forward themselves.
- Tioga Opportunities – Met with Maureen Abbott and their new hire, an economic development planner; looking forward to developing a partnership.
- STREDC – Ms. Tinney reported she has been appointed Chair of STREDC.
- Land Bank
- Regional Council
 - Executive Committee - In the process of scoring all Consolidated Funding Applications; 98 requests.
 - Full Board – Meets later this week for a final vote.
- Municipality Visits
 - Village of Owego – Attended the following meetings to listen to INHS (Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services) presentations on the Liberty/Temple housing project:
 - Village of Owego Planning Board
 - Village of Owego Zoning Board of Appeals

Presentations are also being made to the County Planning Board on September 15th, to the Village Planning Board on September 28th and the final vote will be at the Village Zoning Board of Appeals on September 29th. Ms. Tinney will be in attendance at all meetings. INHS listened to all concerns and has modified their plans. They will be building a foot above of what is required for base flood elevation. They will be building with a no net gain; they will not be bringing in any dirt for the project. Other variances needed, but the main discussion will be around adherence to the Flood Plain Management Law and INHS will be meeting those requirements. Ms. Tinney is hopeful this project will move forward.
- Prospects - Responded to one State Lead:
 - Project Shamrock
- Presentations
 - NYS Commercial Realtors Association - Ms. Tinney will be presenting on September 10th.

Department Highlights

- Village of Owego
 - DRI (18 projects) - Moving ahead slowly; Ms. Woodburn is working through challenges such as cost of building materials and availability of contractors.
 - Briggs Project - State required Public Hearing held on this Court Street project. Ms. Tinney spoke in favor of this project.
 - NY Main Street, Owego – Ms. Griffiths is managing the 6 projects on North Avenue that are ongoing.

Not on the agenda, the Candor Main Street project is also progressing; out to bid for contractors.

 - Owego Gardens 2
 - Several meetings held, including NYSEG. Water main issues have been resolved with current contractor. Hopefully the installation of the water system will be completed in the next two weeks. Ms. Tinney mentioned if you look up the hill you will see the frames of the town houses.

- Village of Nichols
 - USDA Shared Services - Sweeper/Vac Truck project is moving forward.
- Land Bank
 - Tenant relocations – One remaining tenant to move; however heard this morning this may be close to being resolved.
 - Property purchases - The sale of the remaining 5 properties are closing on Thursday.
- RESTORE NY
 - Owego and Waverly projects progressing – Ms. Woodburn is having trouble getting final paperwork, but project is moving forward.
- Housing
 - Temple and Liberty LLC
 - Local Approvals – Previously discussed.
- Community Development – Ms. Ortu continues to work on the following:
 - Tioga County Non-Profit Network
 - REAP
 - Tioga County Foundations Coalition
 - Waverly Glen Park - Attended the ribbon cutting in August.
 - Elks Capital Project
 - Leadership Tioga - Ms. Ortu will be the facilitator of Leadership Tioga starting in January.
- Workforce
 - Workforce Pipeline Development Study- Implementation
 - Education Workforce Coordinator interviews – There were 2 candidates interviewed, however the one candidate that stood out was met with a challenge as this is a contract position and this person is in the NYS Retirement System and does not want to lose this benefit. Had conversations with school districts, trying to work out something to offer.
 - Legislator Mullen suggested a 211 waiver; Ms. Tinney will look into this.
- Economic Development
 - DRI Project administration
 - NYMS Project Administration - Owego and Candor
 - Solar Project Mapping
 - GIS Mapping Activities – Ms. Griffiths continues training.
 - State Lead Responses – Ms. Griffiths is responding.
 - Ag – Ms. Griffiths continues to work on the following:
 - Ag Value Chain Implementation Team
 - Agricultural Resource Group
- Planning – Ms. Jardine continues to work on the following:
 - 239 Reviews – 2 presented to the County Planning Board:
 - County Case 2021-019: Village of Newark Valley- Comprehensive Plan update; recommended approval with conditions.
 - County Case 2021-020: Village of Owego, Site Plan Review and Floodplain Special use Permit; Owego Hose Team, steamer house project; recommended approval with conditions.
 - Village of Owego/Temple and Liberty LLC local approvals.
 - ARC application reviews through ST8.
 - Ms. Jardine made the following presentations to local municipalities:
 - Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA)
 - American Rescue Plan Act

- Grants
 - Potential (9)
 - Temple and Liberty LLC- affordable housing
 - Village of Owego- CDBG, Housing Rehab
 - NYS HCR Community Investment Fund
 - CDBG CARES Act- Small Business Support
 - Candor EMS, Tioga State Bank Foundation
 - Tioga County- 2021/2022 (Phase II)
 - Home Central, ESD Capital grant
 - Evergreen Cemetery- TSB Foundation
 - Evergreen Cemetery- Mildred Faulkner Truman
 - Pending (19)
 - Racker- USDA/CDBG Neighborhood Depot
 - 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
 - Candor EMS- Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation
 - Tioga County- 2020/2021 Phase III
 - Tioga County- 2021/2022 Phase I
 - Village of Spencer- Nichols Park Historic Preservation Award
 - 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)
 - Village of Owego- OPRHP, OPD building restoration
 - Nelson Development; 48-50 Lake St- ESD Capital grant
 - Carantouan Greenway- waterfront trail, TSB Foundation
 - REAP- Owego Elks, Les Wagner Foundation
 - REAP, Owego Elks, TSB Foundation
 - 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)
 - TCPDC- Enterprise Community Partners (land bank funds)
 - Village of Owego- Main Street (CFA)
 - Midwestern Pet Foods (CFA)
 - Racker (CFA)
 - Raymond Hadley (CFA)
 - 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
- TCLDC-USDA RDBG- Tioga County Recruitment Tool
- TCLDC-USDA RDBG- 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
- Completed (0)

2021 Budget

- Economic Development - On track
- Planning- tracking – On track

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

- I02-SEQRA Consideration for NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation 2021-2022 Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Program Phase II Application
- I03-Authorization to Reclassify ED&P Part Time Vacancy
- I09-Reappoint REAP Board Member (A Ortu)
- I12-Designation of Tioga Co. LDC DBA Tioga Co. Tourism as Authorized Tourism Promotion Agency for 2022
- I13-Appoint Member (B Goodrich) to the Tioga County Planning Board – Mr. Goodrich will fill out the revised Candidate for Appointment Form with the modification of Question #3 and the updated form will be sent to the Legislators.

Other

- Legislative Chair, Ms. Sauerbrey, asked Ms. Tinney if there were any updates on the Montrose Turnpike Solar Farm Project. Ms. Tinney reported since the IDA declined participation in the PILOT we have not heard any updates on the project.
- Legislator Mullen asked for an update on Garcia's Restaurant in Waverly. Ms. Tinney will look into.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Linda Sampson
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