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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING June 6, 2017

### **ATTENDEES:**

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

**Staff:** Teresa Saraceno, Linda Sampson, Becca Maffei, Andy Fagan, Margaret Ball, Rita Hollenbeck

**Guests:** None

Legislative Chair Marte Sauerbrey and LeeAnn Tinney were not in attendance.

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

### **MINUTES**

- Approval of minutes from May 2, 2017 - Legislator Weston asked for approval of minutes from the May 2, 2017 committee meeting. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to accept the May 2, 2017 minutes, seconded by Legislator Mullen. All were in favor.

**TOURISM: Becca Maffei** – Ms. Maffei's monthly report was previously emailed; a summary of activities for the month of May 2017, however she brought an addendum highlighting the following: Marketing Strategies, Organization Strategies and Partnership Strategies, as well as New Projects, such as Two Rivers State Park and Waverly Glen Park and the Tioga Arts and Agricultural Trail. Also included was Moving Forward with Tioga Downs Cross Promotion and a discussion of a Visitors Center Opportunity. Ms. Maffei reviewed her report and the various activities going on in Tourism.

- Not on the report, Ms. Maffei mentioned that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Farm Trail Event is going to be June 10<sup>th</sup> and that there has been some interest in a Southern Tier Beer Trail.

**SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION: Wendy Walsh** – Ms. Walsh reviewed the monthly report previously emailed; a summary of activities for the month of May 2017, highlighting the following: Agriculture, Chesapeake Bay TMDL, Dean Creek Inspections, Hazard Mitigation, Stream Program and Miscellaneous Meetings, Trainings and Activities. Ms. Walsh also distributed a report of Stream Restoration Projects completed 2016 – 2017, before and after photos included.

- Not on the monthly report, Ms. Walsh announced that Sundae's on the Farm is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> at Kwiakowsky's Farm at 11:00AM – 2:00PM.

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: Andy Fagan** – Mr. Fagan distributed and reviewed his monthly report; a summary of activities for the month of May 2017, highlighting the following: Agriculture, Community Horticulture, 4H Youth Development, Youth Employment, Advancing Tobacco Free Communities, Family Development, Nutrition, Regional Dairy and Field Crops. Also distributed was a list of 2017 Tioga County NY Farmers' Markets.

- Mr. Fagan announced that the Tioga County Fair will be on August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.

**AG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Margaret Ball** – Ms. Ball distributed and reviewed her progress report; highlighting the following goals: Achieve Sustainable Growth in the Agricultural Economy, Attract New and Beginning Farmers into the Agricultural Sector and Develop and Support Agriculture

Education and Provide Any Necessary Technical Assistance. Ms. Ball reported attending the National Farm Viability Conference in Albany, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Fagan announced the Taste of Tioga Event at Tioga Downs is scheduled for Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING**

**1. PLANNING REPORT** - Due to LeeAnn Tinney's absence, Ms. Saraceno reviewed the following report previously emailed:

- **239 Reviews**
  - No 239 Reviews for the month of May.
  
- **Municipal Plans** – Ms. Jardine provided assistance with the following:
  - Municipal Project Funding – Assisting the Towns of Richford, Berkshire, and Villages of Spencer, Waverly and Newark Valley with funding efforts for various projects.
  - Collaborating with Tioga Opportunities on a possible senior housing project in Richford.
  - Assisting the Town/Village of Spencer with Site Plan Review law updates.
  - Assisting the Town of Spencer with using a Unified Solar Permit process for solar PV array projects.
  - NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities – this program was presented to Town Supervisors at the April COG meeting and will be presenting separately to some of the Village Mayors.
  
- **Other**
  - North Tioga Agricultural District Eight-Year Review 2017 - Received Certification from NYS Dept. of Ag and Markets.
  - Ms. Jardine hosted a Land Use Training Session on 5/31/17 - Approximately 40 attendees.
  - Continues to participate in Succession Planning.
  - Updated the ESite Master Plan including SEQR EAF.
  - Participated in potential housing projects in Owego and Nichols.

**2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT** - Due to LeeAnn Tinney's absence, Ms. Saraceno reviewed the following report previously emailed:

- **Outreach**
  - Tioga Opportunities - Met regarding housing projects on 5/5.
  - Waverly Business Association – Attended the monthly meeting on 5/8.
  - Town of Nichols – Attended meeting 5/9.
  - Tioga Women's Suffrage Committee – Met on 5/10 to discuss events coming up in 2017. There will be a celebration at the courthouse on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Maffei added there will be a presence in parades throughout the County, the Strawberry Festival, Newark Valley Apple Festival and Waverly will have a Suffrage Hike. Ms. Maffei reported these events will be on their website and events calendar, as well as the NYS Suffrage website as events develop.
  - Tom Mullen, United Country Realty – Met on 5/10 regarding projects in Waverly.
  - Upstate Association of Towns – Ms. Tinney presented at this meeting on 5/11.

- Succession Planning Committee – Ms. Tinney continues to participate; met on 5/12.
- Village of Owego – Met on 5/15; discussed the following projects:
  - Owego Gardens
  - Owego Freehold
- NYPenn Leadership – Ms. Tinney presented at the meeting on 5/17.
- Regional Council – Met on 5/23
  - Workforce Development Work Group - Met on 5/31

- **Project Updates**

- Gateway – This project is moving forward; hoping for September start date.
- Parkview – Ms. Saraceno continues to work on this project. Due to the Façade Program through the IDA the windows are getting installed this week. Next, through the Main Street Grant Program, the interior work will begin.
- Owego Gardens – Ribbon cutting and tour event on 5/3; well attended.
- Crown, Cork & Seal – Ribbon cutting and tour event on 5/9; well attended.
- Upstate Shredding – This project is advancing slowly.
- Distributed Sun
  - IDA PILOT approved on 5/2.
- Owego Freehold – Preliminary work moving forward.
- Owego Gardens 2 – This project is in jeopardy depending on the outcome of the sewage situation with the first Owego Gardens.
- Waverly Main Street – Ms. Saraceno continues to work on this project; two projects left.
- Town of Berkshire – Retail project continues to move forward.
- Tioga Opportunities – This Minka Village Project was terminated.
- Housing Development Lead – A possible project for the E-Site.
- DePaul Project – The project is still being decided on.
- Temple Street development – This project is in exploration stage.

- **Small Business Development**

- CFA application assistance – Dates for applying: 5/1 – 7/28. We are working with the following:
  - Raymond Hadley – Definitely wants to apply.
  - Applied Technology – Still exploring the opportunity.

- **State Leads** – No leads this month.

- **Ag Economic Development** – Meetings on 5/15, 5/22, 5/25.

- Ms. Ball gave her report earlier in meeting.

- **Other**

- Tioga County Property Development Corporation (Land Bank) – Ms. Saraceno continues to work on this project. The first meeting was held 5/17. All preliminary policies are in place. The next step is the 501(c)3 approval. Ms. Saraceno is meeting with Mr. Meagher, the Land Bank Attorney for Broome County and the Tioga County IDA. He is helping out pro bono, as well as Tioga County Attorney,

Peter DeWind. Next on the agenda is making sure funding is available from the mortgage settlement money through the Attorney General's Community Revitalization Initiative Program with applications done in November.

- Tioga Women Lead – Met on 5/24; the next planned event is at Turkey Trot in the afternoon of July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Resolutions presented:

F06 - Re-Appoint Member (C. Curry) to the TCLDC Board

F07 - Re-Appoint Member (L. Engelbert) to the TCLDC Board

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further topics of discussion or questions, Legislator Weston asked for adjournment. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Legislator Mullen. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sampson, Administrative Assistant to Economic Development & Planning