

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING  
TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 5, 2019**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

**Staff:** LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Andy Fagan, Wendy Walsh

**Guests:** Bethany O'Rourke, Rita Hollenbeck

**MINUTES**

- Approval of minutes from January 8, 2019 – Legislator Weston asked for approval of minutes from the January 8, 2019 committee meeting. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to accept the January 8, 2019 minutes, seconded by Legislator Mullen. All were in favor.

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: Andy Fagan** – Mr. Fagan distributed and reviewed his monthly report; highlighting Agriculture and Horticulture, Dairy, 4-H Youth Development, Youth Employment, Family Development, Community Health and Wellness.

**SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION: Wendy Walsh** – Monthly report previously emailed. Ms. Walsh reviewed her monthly report; highlighting Agriculture, Chesapeake Bay TMDL, Dean Creek Watershed, Hazard Mitigation, Stormwater, Stream Program, various meetings, trainings and miscellaneous activities. Ms. Walsh distributed her 2018 Annual Report.

Ms. Tinney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Legislator Hollenbeck made the motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Legislator Mullen.

Committee Meeting resumed.

Ms. Tinney reported the following; agenda previously emailed:

**1. PLANNING REPORT**

• **239 Reviews**

- County Case 2019-001: Village of Owego, Rezoning, MJ's Bar and Restaurant. – Applicant requests rezoning of parcel adjacent to the west from Residential 2 to Business for a future parking lot. Staff recommended approval, and the TCPB unanimously carried the vote.

Ms. Tinney reported that DOT is requiring stormwater pollution prevention and ED&P will be assisting the property owner with getting a stormwater pollution plan prepared for the site.

- **Municipal Projects/Plans:** Ms. Jardine continues to assist with the following:
  - Village of Owego – Assisting the Evergreen Cemetery Committee with a PLNYS Preserve NY grant to fund a Cultural Landscape Report. The deadline is March 25.
- **Other Activities:** Ms. Jardine is working on following:
  - Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – The consultant, Tetrattech, has wrapped up outstanding items and has submitted the Draft Plan for review by NYS DHSES and FEMA. Agencies review is expected to take at least 45 days.
  - Agricultural District Annual Inclusions – Two valid requests for inclusion totaling 122 acres have been received from the towns of Newark Valley and Tioga. A public hearing needs to be scheduled.
  - Tourism Strategic Plan – An Action Plan has been created and a scorecard started to track progress on the operational plan.
  - Engelbert Organic Farm has requested the county and CCE to assist them with a Purchase for Development Rights application to NYS Ag & Markets. A team of representatives from EDP, CCE, SWCD and Finger Lakes Land Trust is being assembled to fulfill this request.

Ms. Tinney explained that this prohibits any development other than agricultural on specified parcels. It allows the property owner to draw on the value of that property as if it were being used in a different capacity and a grant could be awarded by the state for that amount for continued agricultural development. This is a competitive application process.

- Participating in the newly formed Local Foundations Network.

## **Resolutions**

B05–Set Public Hearing for 2019 Annual Agricultural District Inclusions

## **2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – Ms. Tinney reported on the following; agenda previously emailed:

- **Outreach**
  - Town of Barton – Attended this meeting with Legislator Weston. There is a stop order against Haefele, so they can't run new fiber; waiting for the correct approvals to continue.
  - Regional Council – Meeting attended.
  - Workforce Investment Board – Meeting attended.
  - Town of Nichols
    - Board of Trustees – Met regarding the Lounsberry Truck Stop being purchased by Liberty.
    - Assessor - Met with Denise Spaulding regarding the Tioga Downs assessment.
  - Rural Health Network SCNY – Meeting attended.
  - Tioga Arts Council – Met to discuss a podcast project.

- Southern Tier 8 – Meeting attended.
  - Tioga Downs – Attended press conference announcing the partnership with Watkins Glen International.
  - Home Central – Invited to speak at their annual contractor's dinner.
  - Mental Health – Connected with the Village of Waverly for a possible center for opioid addiction.
- **Project Updates**
    - Gateway – Process has begun for closing on grant and loan funds.
    - Parkview – Project is 97% complete; porch work left to complete.
    - Owego Gardens 2
      - PILOT application has been made to the IDA.
      - Cost Benefit Analysis being worked on for presentation to the Legislature at the end of the month.
    - Owego Gardens 1
      - Drainage – Spoke with Ms. Walsh regarding combined SWPPP (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.)
    - V&S
      - Town/IDA/County/Company; all working towards closing on the land.
      - Water and sewer district inclusion
      - CAP funds (Senator Akshar) – Continue to work on.
    - Restore NY Projects
      - Village of Owego – Building permit on Awad project has been issued.
      - Village of Waverly – Project moving forward.
    - Village of Owego DRI – the following meetings attended:
      - Local Planning Committee – January 9<sup>th</sup>.
      - Co-Chair Conference Call – January 17<sup>th</sup>.
      - Work Group – January 8<sup>th</sup>.
      - Village Trustees meeting – January 8<sup>th</sup>.
      - Public Workshop – January 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - State Leads – Responded to the following leads with no response yet:
    - Project Best Site
    - Project - unnamed
  - Workforce Development
    - Collective Impact Team has been formed and met at the Owego Apalachin Central School District to discuss workforce issues and how the school can assist.
  - Housing
    - Community Investment Task Force formed in the Village of Owego, Village of Newark Valley and Village of Waverly.

- Other
  - ST8 Board appointment – Ms. Woodburn to be appointed.

Not on the agenda, there was a short discussion regarding changing outside agencies to quarterly reports.

Resolutions – the following resolutions were presented and approved:

- B10-Resolution Appoint Christina Brown to the TCPDC Three Year Term
- B11-Resolution Appoint David Astorina to the TCPDC Two Year Term
- B27-Re-Appoint Member (M Kiechle) to the TCLDC Board
- B28-Re-Appoint Member (J Ward) to the TCLDC Board
- B29-Re-Appoint Member (S Layman) to the TCLDC Board

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Sampson, Administrative Assistant to Economic Development & Planning