

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING  
TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 4, 2020**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

**Staff:** LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson

**Guests:** Becca Maffei, Tourism Director

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

**MINUTES**

- Approval of minutes from January 7, 2020 – Legislator Weston asked for approval of minutes from the January 7, 2020 committee meeting. Legislator Mullen made a motion to accept the January 7, 2020 minutes, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck. All were in favor.

**TIOGA COUNTY TOURISM: Becca Maffei** – Monthly Report previously emailed. Ms. Maffei distributed and reviewed her Tioga County Tourism 2020 Marketing Plan and Annual Report.

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

**Meetings Attended**

- Waverly Business Association
- Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce – Made a new connection with this Chamber.
- The Agency
- Tioga Opportunities
- Finger Lakes Wine Country
- Owego Apalachin Central School Board of Education
- Southern Tier 8
  - STEM Hub
  - CEDS – Economic Development Strategic Planning for Southern Tier 8.
- Workforce Investment Board – Met with the new Director, Bob Murphy.
- Southern Tier 4<sup>th</sup> Wave (The Agency/3 Rivers) – Presentation to the businesses involved in the study on the battery technology project and its status.

- Municipal Visits
  - Town of Nichols- Met regarding their Solar Project/PILOT.
  - Town of Owego- Met to discuss Taylor Garbage and their plan to rebuild; progress is being made.
- Business Visits
  - Stateline Auto
  - Broad Street Barber Shop
  - Donnelly & Associates
  - V&S (Voigt & Schweitzer)
  - Taylor Garbage
  - Tony Santaluccia – Potential housing project in Waverly; connected with Tioga Opportunities.

Presentations

- TEAM Tioga Breakfast on January 30<sup>th</sup> – Great event; good feedback. Ms. Tinney will forward videos that were played at the event; the History of Economic Development and the tribute to Ralph Kelsey and Aaron Gowan for their years of service on the IDA Board. Ms. Tinney reported having testimonial videos made to be posted on social media once a month.

**Department Highlights**

- 2020 Census- Complete Count Committee– Ms. Jardine continues to work on the following:
  - Conferences Attended (2)
  - Presentations made
    - Tioga County Legislature
    - Owego Kiwanis
- Village of Owego DRI- Ms. Woodburn and Ms. Griffiths are working on the following:
  - 15 individual meetings with Project Owners
  - Contracts being issued

Ms. Tinney reported getting good news on MWBE (Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises); they are allowing us the opportunity to make the pitch for why the State required percentage can't be 30% in Tioga County.

- Land Bank – Ms. Saraceno is working on the following:
  - Offers received for purchase of 5 properties- Working toward contracts.
  - 112 Liberty Street, Owego- Property owned by the County at present.
    - Exploring request for property transfer from the County.
    - Anticipating quotes for demo of property – This can be accomplished with the current round of funding.

Ms. Tinney reported the Initial 12 Land Bank properties came in under original estimates allowing extra money for the 112 Liberty Street project. Ms. Saraceno has begun work on the application for the next round of funding.

- Community Development – Ms. Hendrickson is working on the following:
  - Tioga County Housing Study Implementation- Continue to work with Tioga Opportunities.
    - Steering Committee formation
  - Non- Profit Activity
  - Community assistance
    - Waverly Glen Park
    - Nichols Park Grandstand

- Nichols Park Historic Register Nomination
  - REAP- Many changes coming; 4 new Board members.
  - Foundation Coalition- Discussions continue to pull this group together.
- Workforce
  - Phase II Implementation Strategy- Project is moving forward.
    - Consultant will be in town for in person interviews.
- Ag – Ms. Griffiths is working on the following:
  - 8 Year District Review (2 districts)
  - Annual Inclusion Enrollment
  - Food Hub/Delivered Fresh- Delivering produce to consumers.
    - A meeting is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> at Englebert's, who is already on board with this project. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce this idea to all local producers.
  - Adds to Social media and continues to write newsletter articles.
  - Ag Tires Recycling Program- Continues to work with Ms. Pratt on this project.
- Planning
  - 239 Reviews
    - None for the month of January.
  - Active Plans- Ms. Jardine continues to work with the following:
    - Village of Spencer Land Use Commission- Public Hearing held.
    - REAP- Tioga County Code Enforcement Shared Services Feasibility.
    - REAP- Tioga County Workforce Pipeline, Phase II.
    - Village of Waverly Comprehensive Plan update.
- Grants
  - Potential
    - 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)
    - TCPDC- Enterprise Community Partners (land bank funds)
    - IDA- USDA, Tioga County (Ag value chain study)
    - IDA- ESD, Multi-county broadband study
    - Tioga Opportunities- ARC POWER (housing)
  - Pending
    - Tioga County- Snowmobile
    - Town of Berkshire- DOT (sidewalk extension)
    - Village of Owego- Rural Innovation Initiative (CPSI)
    - Owego Apalachin Central School District- WDI (workforce)
    - Town of Richford- SAM, Assemblyman Friend (highway equipment)
    - NYS Census Complete Count
  - 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)
- TCPDC- Enterprise Community Partners (land bank funds)
- Village of Owego- Design Connect (Art Park)
- Village of Owego- Main Street (CFA)
- Midwestern Pet Foods (CFA)
- Racker (CFA)
- 2020 Budget
  - Economic Development- Tracking well.
  - Planning- Tracking well.

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

B14-Set Public Hearing for 2020 Annual Agricultural District Inclusions

B18-Recommend Members to the Susquehanna Heritage Area Commission

B22-Authorizing Legislative Chair Signature on Southern Tier Broadband Coalition Inter-Municipal Agreement

B27-Authorizing Legislative Chair Signature on NY Newark Valley I LLC Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement-2020

The following resolution was presented and agreement was made not to move this one forward:

B17-Authorizing Legislative Chair Signature on LSE PERSEUS Energy LLC and LSE PISCES LLC Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement- 2019

As part of the DRI Enhanced Parking Options, Ms. Tinney asked the committee to consider including charging stations for electric vehicles. For those using the charging stations, payment would be made by credit card.

**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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