

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 5, 2021

ATTENDEES:

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

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson

Guests: Wendy Walsh, Soil and Water, T Hanson, CCE Director, call-in

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

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from December 8, 2020 – Legislator Weston asked for approval of minutes from the December 8, 2020 committee meeting. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to accept the December 8, 2020 minutes, seconded by Legislator Mullen. All were in favor.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: T Hanson – Monthly report previously emailed. Ms. Hanson called in, in case there were any questions regarding her report.

TIOGA COUNTY SOIL & WATER: WENDY WALSH – Ms. Walsh distributed a report on the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Coordination Services and Accomplishments.

Ms. Walsh reported on the Dean Creek Watershed Rehabilitation Funding. The Pelto and Pylkas Dams are classified as a Class C High Hazard Dams, based on NYSDEC Dam Safety Regulations. These regulations require that we complete an Emergency Action Plan and certification annually, and have an engineering assessment of the dams conducted every 10 years. The scope of work to be completed is based on USDA NRCS requirements as that is who is providing the funding. The work involves collection and analysis of information, formulation of alternatives and then prepare a plan. Ms. Walsh distributed information on the virtual public meetings being held on January 21, 2021, 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM, to discuss the rehabilitation of the Pelto and Pylkas Dams.

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

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

- Southern Tier Network Board Meeting

- Met with Spectrum and Doug Camin to discuss the Broadband study and the expansion of services in Tioga County.
 - Tioga County Chamber of Commerce – Attended the monthly meeting.
 - Workforce Development Board – Attended the quarterly meeting.
 - Loan Recipient Visit – As discussed last month, the possibility existed that a loan recipient of the COVID Emergency Relief Program may not be using the funds for purposes identified in their application. At the meeting it was discussed that a follow-up visit will be made in the spring to check that the identified plans are progressing.
 - Municipal Visits
 - Town of Nichols – Attended meeting to check in.
 - Prospects
 - One State lead; project MFG
- Presentations- none

Department Highlights

- COVID-19
 - Tioga County Economic Recovery Advisory Council (TCERAC)
 - Economic Recovery Strategy Plan – Sub groups, led by TEAM Tioga, are meeting regularly; goals and objectives identified in the plan are moving forward.
- Village of Owego
 - DRI (18 projects)- Ongoing
 - NY Main Street (6 projects)- Ongoing; working through environmental aspects, projects will be moving forward soon.
 - Owego Gardens 2 – Site plan of the project was distributed; showing an apartment complex of 62 units and a series of town homes.
 - Site work- Original date to begin, 12/21, was delayed due to the snowstorm; new date is pending. PILOT is closed; funding is ready, waiting to move dirt.
 - Department of Health Water System- Approval pending.
 - Utilities coordination meeting – Resulted in the change in some of the layout; nothing major.
 - PSC/Suez meeting – Continue to keep them updated and to get input on how to keep the project moving forward.
- Land Bank
 - Budget summary- There are a few projects pending that may make a difference in the projected budget. Ms. Tinney reported that Ms. Saraceno will attend the next meeting with an update.
- RESTORE NY
 - Owego and Waverly projects progressing- Waverly project is almost completed; Owego project continues to move forward.
- Housing- Continue to have conversations with the following regarding projects in Tioga County:
 - Home Leasing
 - Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services

- SEPP
- Community Development- Ms. Hendrickson continues to work on the following:
 - Tioga County Non-Profit Network
 - Child Care Task Force
 - REAP
 - Board Vacancy- Town of Nichols- Jacob Cole resigned.
 - New Board Member- Spencer- Emily VanScoy.
 - Congressman Reed providing assistance on equipment that was held up internationally.
 - By-Laws updates
 - Tioga County Foundations Coalition
 - Year End Reporting- Ms. Tinney can send the report to anyone on the committee upon request.
- Workforce – Ms. Woodburn continues to work on the following:
 - Broome Tioga Talent Task Force
 - Greater Binghamton Chamber/The Agency- Establishing a good relationship.
 - Workforce Pipeline Development Study
 - Educators Roundtable- Good turn out; each school district was represented.
 - Recruitment Tool- Assisting local businesses when looking to bring outsiders to the area. Input has been provided from the following:
 - ❖ State Line Auto
 - ❖ Crown Cork & Seal
 - ❖ Tioga Downs
 - ❖ Lockheed Martin
 - ❖ Binghamton University
 - ❖ 3 Rivers Development
- Ag- Ms. Griffiths continues to work on the following:
 - Agricultural Resource Group
 - Ag roadway signage data completed.
 - Annual Ag Districts Inclusion
 - Press Release sent- Giving property owners the opportunity to be included in the Ag District.
 - New Farmers Market meeting- Updates coming in the near future.
 - Ag Value Chain Study- ongoing
Solar Project Status map was distributed; showing impacts on our agricultural properties. Ms. Tinney will report on how real property taxes are affected once data collection is complete.
 - Other- Ms. Griffiths is providing assistance on the following:
 - Tioga County Law Enforcement Survey
 - DRI Project Administration
 - NY Main Street Project Administration

- Planning- Ms. Jardine is working on the following:
 - 239 Reviews (1)
 - County Case 2020-018- Village of Newark Valley, Site Plan Review, Seal Right Inc., automotive frame and fire arms powder coating- recommendation to approve.
 - County Case 2020-019- Village of Owego, Site Plan Review, Val-U Auto and Towing, garage construction, recommendation to approve.
 - State Mandated County Pandemic Operations Plan
 - Active Plans
 - REAP- Tioga County Workforce Pipeline- Implementation
 - Tioga County Economic Recovery Strategic Plan (COVID)- Implementation
 - Village of Waverly Comprehensive Plan- Implementation
 - SWCD Hazard Mitigation Projects- 2020- Ms. Walsh reported on these projects earlier.

- Grants
 - Potential (13)
 - Village of Candor- NY Main Street
 - USDA RDBG- Tioga County Recruitment Tool
 - USDA RDBG- Technical Assistance to Business
 - Town of Richford- USDA Community Facilities, (equipment)
 - Town of Berkshire (TBD)- rec trail
 - Village of Newark Valley- USDA Community Facilities (equipment)
 - Town of Berkshire- DOT TAP funding (sidewalk extension)
 - Northern Tioga Chamber- Community Foundation (facilities improvements)
 - Midwestern Pet Foods- NYS HCR CDBG
 - Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services
 - Shared Services- USDA Community Facilities (equipment)
 - Shared Services- local foundations (equipment)
 - Village of Nichols- Shared Services USDA Community Facilities (vacuum truck)
 - Pending (6)
 - Owego Apalachin Central School District- WDI (workforce)
 - REAP- Mildred Faulkner Truman (Code Enforcement Plan Implementation Tasks)
 - Early Owego Antique Center- NYSCA Mural Restoration
 - Tioga County – 2020/2021 Snowmobile Trails (Phase I)
 - Tioga County- 2020/2021 Snowmobile Trails (Phase II)
 - REAP- Community Foundation (Code Enforcement Plan Implementation Tasks)
 - Active (18)
 - Village of Owego- RESTORE NY, Briggs/Award

- Village of Owego- Downtown Revitalization Initiative
- Village of Spencer- Nichols Park (grandstand restoration)
- Village of Waverly- NYS Parks, Waverly Glen Park
- Village of Waverly- RESTORE NY, Twigg
- REAP- USDA REDI, Strategic Planning (extended 1 year)
 - ❖ Cottage Industry Study (TOI/REAP/TEAM Tioga)
- REAP- USDA, Public Well (equipment)
- REAP- Tioga Downs, Workforce Pipeline Implementation
- TCPDC- Enterprise Community Partners (land bank funds)- X2
- Village of Owego- Main Street (CFA)
- Midwestern Pet Foods (CFA)
- Racker (CFA)
- IDA- USDA RBDG, Multi-county Broadband Study
- IDA- USDA RBDG, Ag Value Chain Study
- Village of Waverly- Mildred Faulkner Truman, Waverly Glen Park
- Town of Richford- SAM, Assemblyman Friend (highway equipment)
- Village of Owego- CU, Design Connect (art park)
- Completed (2)
 - NYS 2020 Census Count Outreach Funding Program
 - Village of Spencer- Nichols Park (historic register approval)

2020 Budget

- Economic Development- Year End on target
- Planning- Year End on target

Other

- Village Tax Exempt Properties- Charts, mapping and a summary was distributed; showing percentages, values and types of tax exempt properties in the villages.
- Brittany Woodburn is close to completing her IEDC (International Economic Development Council) Certification; test will be coming up soon.

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

- A21-Authorization for a 2021 Budget Modification and Budget Addition for NYMS Grant
- A22-Recommend Members to the Susquehanna Heritage Area Commission
- A23-Reappoint Member (Yetter) to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board
- A24-Reappoint Member (Tinney) to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board
- A25-Reappoint Member (Shelp) to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board
- A26-Reappoint Member (Scanlon) to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board
- A27-Reappoint Member (Powers) to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board
- A28-Reappoint Member (Abbott) to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board

The following resolution did not move forward due to a resume was not received in time and will be presented next month:

- A29-Appoint Member (Messler) to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board

Not on the agenda, the following resolution was presented and agreement was made to move forward:

A42-Amend Reso #267-20 Tioga Co Legislative Support To Terminate CNYOG PILOT and Establish Stagecoach Gas Services PILOT

ADJOURNMENT – With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Sampson
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