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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING May 4, 2021

### **ATTENDEES:**

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

**Staff:** LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson

**Guests:** Becca Maffei, Tourism Director

Committee Chair, Legislator Dale Weston was not in attendance.

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

### **MINUTES**

- Approval of minutes from April 6, 2021 – Legislator Mullen asked for approval of minutes from the April 6, 2021 committee meeting. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to accept the April 6, 2021 minutes, seconded by Legislator Roberts. All were in favor.

**TIOGA COUNTY TOURISM: Becca Maffei** – Monthly report previously emailed. Ms. Maffei reviewed her monthly report including; Tioga County Restaurant Week, Visit Wiget-Tourism App, Advance Media Grant, ROAM the EMPIRE, Outdoor Art Trail and Grant Award, New member, Joan Case, on the LDC Board and the Finger Lakes Heritage Area Project. Ms. Maffei agreed to send additional information to the committee regarding the Finger Lakes Heritage Area Project.

**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 – Continue to work on expanding fiber in the Southern Tier; potential investor for bringing fiber to the home within opportunity zones: Town of Nichols, Town of Tioga and Village of Spencer.
- Tioga County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Department Leaders Meeting

- ST 8
  - Regional Opportunity Zone Collaborative – Collaborative effort to market Opportunity Zones across Southern Tier Region.
  - CEDs Committee – Met with Economic Development Organizations in the area.
- Tioga County Economic Recovery Advisory Council – Initiatives moving forward.
- STREDC – Met to discuss a couple of loan applications.
- Economic Development Organizations – Met with Economic Development leaders across the Southern Tier.
- Tioga Opportunities – Met with Ms. Abbott to discuss department plans and personnel changes. A good partnership has been developed.
- Hooker Foundation – Met with Mark Dixson to discuss goals & objectives for foundation funds.
- Business Visits – Reaching out to connect with the following businesses:
  - Raymond Hadley- Met with Jacinto Maratea.
  - Greenlight – Met with the new owners that bought Plexicom; looking to expand broadband in the Southern Tier.
  - Larrabee Tire Service- Met with Tim Larrabee; assisting with a project.
  - Best Buy
  - Jackpot Richie's
  - RJ Corman
- Municipality Visits
  - Attended the Village of Waverly Meeting
    - Met with Kasey Traub- New Trustee for the Village of Waverly.
  - Town of Owego/Village of Owego/County- To discuss the shared services grant for the purchase of equipment.
- Prospects- Ms. Tinney is on the agenda for the Legislative Worksession to talk about a PILOT application filed by West Bay Star, LLC, part of the Matthews Group, acting as a developer for Lourdes Hospital to build a new Lourdes facility on Taylor Road; an 18,000 square foot Medical Building. The cost benefit analysis will be sent to the committee prior to the Worksession for review. A letter of support will be requested for this project. They will be closing the existing facility and moving to the new facility; adding new services.
- Presentations – None

## **Department Highlights**

- COVID-19
  - Tioga County Economic Recovery Advisory Council (TCERAC) – Continue to meet and work on the Economic Recovery Strategy Plan.
- Village of Owego
  - DRI (18 projects) Ongoing
    - Tioga Historical Museum- Met with Scott McDonald to discuss their project; challenged by fund raising efforts. ED&P will provide assistance.
  - NY Main Street, Owego- 6 projects on North Avenue moving forward.
  - Owego Gardens 2- Moving forward; the dirt issue has been resolved.
- Land Bank
  - Quarterly meeting held- Ms. Tinney attended and reported properties are being acquired for a potential housing project involving Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services.
- RESTORE NY
  - Owego and Waverly projects progressing; close to being completed.

- Housing
  - Home Leasing – Owego Gardens 2 project moving forward.
  - Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services- Land Bank project
  - SEPP- Potential project in Waverly.
- Community Development – Ms. Hendrickson continues to work on the following:
  - Tioga County Non-Profit Network
  - REAP- Ms. Tinney reported this Board is becoming more relevant under Ms. Hendrickson's leadership.
  - Tioga County Foundations Coalition
  - Tioga County Housing
  - Waverly Glen Park
  - Tioga County Childcare needs
    - Catholic Schools of Broome County- Working on a Pre-K program for the Village of Owego; possibly at St. Pat's.
- Workforce
  - Workforce Pipeline Development Study- Implementation
    - Education Workforce Coordinator position – Proposal submitted.
      - ✓ IDA agreed to partner – Possible lead on funding.
    - Talent Supply Table – This group will consist of partners from several industries to oversee this new position and the work identified in the implementation plan.
  - OACSD- WDI Co-Operative Education Project - Owego Apalachin received funds through WDI for this project; ED&P is assisting in partnership with Lockheed Martin on this project.
- Ag – Ms. Griffiths continues to work on the following:
  - Agricultural Resource Group- Attended meeting.
  - TCERAC Ag Strategic Implementation meeting
  - Ag Value Chain Study Steering Committee- Ongoing; reviewing the draft plan.
  - Agribusiness Facebook Spotlights/Facebook updates- Writing articles for CCE monthly newsletter.
  - Other
    - GIS mapping activities
    - DRI Project Administration
    - NY Main Street Project Administration
    - USDA Community Facilities Shared Services equipment grant- Involving the Village of Owego, Town of Owego and the County for the purchase of a vacuum/sweeper truck to be shared.
- Planning – Ms. Jardine continues to work on the following:
  - 239 Reviews ( 3 )
    - County Case 2021-008: Town of Newark Valley, Solar Energy, GEM Energy – Not recommended for approval.

- County Case 2021-009: Village of Spencer, Site Plan Review, Spencer Animal Hospital – Recommended for approval.
- County Case 2021-010: Village of Spencer, Site Plan Review, King Storage – Recommended for approval.
- National Park Service- Finger Lakes National Heritage Designation – Resolution listed below.
- Village of Owego assistance with amending Flood Damage Prevention local law.
- Village of Owego- Assisting with National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (will reduce residents' flood insurance costs)
- Village of Owego/INHS local approvals needed for the housing project in the Temple/Liberty Street area.

Legislative Chair, Ms. Sauerbrey, asked Ms. Tinney how the Village of Owego meeting went last night. Ms. Tinney reported the Village of Owego had the public hearing to amend their local law related to flood plain management that would allow for them to remove the paragraph on compensatory storage. As of now, it reads that any dirt needed for development in the Village has to be taken from the existing site. This impacts any development within the Village. There was a lot of discussion; Ms. Jardine and Jeff Soules were at the public hearing and were able to answer questions. There was no vote. A SEQRA will have to be done and the vote will be on May 17<sup>th</sup>. DEC and FEMA representatives are in agreement that the paragraph is too restrictive and can be removed. This will impact the INHS housing project and how it moves forward.

- Active Plans
  - Village of Waverly Comprehensive Plan
  - Tioga County Economic Recovery Strategic Plan (COVID)- Implementation
- Grants
  - Potential (16)
    - Town of Berkshire- DOT TAP funding (sidewalk extension)
    - Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services- affordable housing
    - Village of Nichols- USDA Community Facilities (vacuum truck)
    - ARC- Workforce Development Liaison
    - Hooker Foundation- Education Workforce Coordinator
    - Candor EMS- Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation
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    - Village of Owego- CDBG, Housing Rehab
    - Village of Waverly- ESD Planning, Economic Analysis
    - Tioga County- NYSDOS LGE- Countywide EMS Evaluation
    - Town of Richford- CDBG (engineering of railroad stream crossing)
    - Owego Elks Lodge- Mildred Faulkner Truman, building assessment
    - Berkshire/Owego- NPS Historic Preservation Subgrant Program
    - NYS HCR Community Investment Fund
    - CDBG CARES Act- Small Business Support
    - Tioga County EMS District
  - Pending (6)

- TCLDC-USDA RDBG- Tioga County Recruitment Tool
- TCLDC-USDA RDBG- Technical Assistance to Business
- Catholic Schools of Broome County- Fannie C. Hyde
- Owego Elks Lodge- Fannie C. Hyde, building repair
- Racker- USDA/CDBG Neighborhood Depot
- Town of Richford- Lowe's, park improvements
- Active (21)
  - 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 REDI, Strategic Planning (extended 1 year)
  - ✓ Cottage Industry Study (TOI/REAP/TEAM Tioga)
  - REAP- USDA, Public Well (equipment)
  - TCPDC- Enterprise Community Partners (land bank funds)- X2
  - Village of Owego- Main Street (CFA)
  - Midwestern Pet Foods (CFA)
  - Racker (CFA)
  - IDA- USDA RDBG, 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)
  - Owego Apalachin Central School District- WDI (workforce)
  - Tioga County – 2020/2021 Snowmobile Trails (Phase I)
  - Tioga County- 2020/2021 Snowmobile Trails (Phase II)
  - 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
- Completed (2)
  - IDA- USDA RDBG, Multi-county Broadband Study
  - REAP- Tioga Downs, Workforce Pipeline Implementation

## **2021 Budget**

- Economic Development- Tracking
- Planning- Tracking

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

E01-Support Designation of Finger Lakes National Heritage Area

E02-Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Additional Funds and Extension of the TCPDC Admin Services Agreement through December 31 2021

E05-Appoint Member (J Case) to the Tioga Co LDC Board

**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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