

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**KENNEDY, OBERACKER, MARIETTA, FARWELL, SHANNON**  
**September 11, 2018**

Absent: Representative Oberacker

**OTSEGO NOW –JODY ZAKREVSKY**

Jody Zakrevsky gave a presentation regarding what Otsego Now is—the County of Otsego Industrial Development Agency (the IDA), The Otsego County Capital Resource Corporation and the Oneonta Railyards Corporation. Mr. Zakrevsky discussed the background of the agency and some of the issues they are facing.

Jody Zakrevsky distributed the 2017-2018 Otsego Now Progress Report and the 2014 Budget narrative to establish the history of funding in the past.

After discussion, Representative Marietta moved to allocate \$75,000 to Otsego Now for the purchase of Pony Farm property to provide rail access at the industrial development site. Seconded, Kennedy. After further discussion, Representative Marietta amended his motion as follows; allocate \$75,000 to Otsego Now for the purchase of Pony Farm property to provide rail access at the industrial development site or for other program expenses. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,859; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

**COOPERSTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE –MATT HAZZARD**

Matt Hazzard discussed funding for the kiosk and presented his plan and goals for 2019. Representative Farwell moved to approve \$4,000 to subsidize staffing of the kiosk, a minimum of 20 hours a week during peak season with variable hours. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393; Ayes: 1,469; Absent: 534- Oberacker; Abstain: 390- Marietta. Motion carried.

Matt Hazzard stated the Artisan Festival was a success and announced that Cooptober Fest is coming up.

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION –DON SMYERS**

Don Smyers distributed the latest copy of the Connections newsletter and discussed the latest in ag economic development including succession planning, beef producer sale, managing risk in agritourism, the Farm/Source/ Thrive Otsego initiative and NY Grown and Certified GAP training. Don Smyers presented the Revenues and Expenses related to the AG & Farmland Protection Plan for the 6 months ended 6/30/18 with the 2019 budget request. Don Smyers discussed increasing the funding for the Ag Implementation Specialist in order to increase the position from 2-1/2 days per week to 3 days.

## **OTHER –ENERGY DISCUSSION/IRENE WEISER**

Those present included Nicole Dillingham (Otsego 2000), Leslie Orzetti (OCCA) Al Rubin (Otsego County Chamber Energy Committee), Bob Wood (Town of Oneonta Supervisor), Adrian Kuzminski (citizen), Barbara Ann Heegan (Otsego County Chamber), Bennett Sandler (Heat Smart Otsego) and Karen Sullivan (Planning Dept Director)

Irene Weiser, Tompkins County Energy & Economic Development Task Force and Town of Caroline Councilmember, along with those present discussed the following, including but not to:

- The establishment and goals of the Tompkins County energy task force
- the Tompkins County Energy Road Map
- non pipe alternatives projects
- rate cases
- heat pumps
- thermal load sharing
- REV
- where to establish an energy task force in Otsego County

Bennett Sandler announced there will be an energy presentation October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Foot Hills featuring Jay Egg.

The committee will meet to discuss County government organization on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the County Office Building.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the County Office Building.