



**AGENDA**  
**PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2020, Chambers – 5:30PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Keith Batman, Chairman

**MEMBERS:** Legislators - Michael Didio, Tricia Kerr, Heidi Nightengale, Chris Petrus, Paul Pinckney, Charlie Ripley

**MINUTES TO APPROVE: December 4, 2019**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency:

- Gina Speno, 16 Hidden Greens Road, Weedsport, NY 13166; Term 1/1/2020-12/31/2021; Reappointment
  - Retail and Mall General Management
- Herb Marshall, 8016 Powers Rd., Port Byron, NY 13140; Term 1/1/2020-12/31/2021; Reappointment
  - Farmer, previous Chairman of County Legislature
- Ben Vitale, 7397 N Division Rd, Auburn, NY 13021; Term 1/1/2020-12/31/2021; Reappointment
  - Regional market director, County Legislator

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

**Steve Lynch (Planning & Economic Development) – no updates**

**Maureen Riester (Employment & Training) – no updates**

**Tracy Verrier (CEDA) –**

**GRANT / LOAN / IDA ACTIVITY**

- AIDA: AIDA approved a mortgage modification for Currier Plastics, a next step toward their expansion.
- New York State grant funding was announced on Thursday, December 19. Central New York was awarded \$86.2m, a top award winner again. Only \$45.2m of that has been designated to specific projects at this time, the rest is available in bonds and tax credits to be used by projects throughout the year. Nearly \$9.3m of the designated funding is awarded to 14 projects located solely in Cayuga County, which is over 20% of the designated funding. Cayuga County is roughly 10% of the region's population. Cayuga Milk Ingredients and Currier Plastics were major recipients of grants and tax credits. Additional funding was awarded to multi-county projects that include Cayuga County.

**PROJECT UPDATES:** Brief updates on current and past NYS Consolidated Funding Application and IDA Incentive Recipients. Brief notes below, more detail to be presented at meeting.

- 2018:
  - Volpi Manufacturing: Underway
  - Page Transportation (Keith Titus): Underway
  - ACMT (DBA K&S Carwash) acquisition and renovation of new locations: Complete
  - Cayuga Vet Services new building construction: Underway
  - Inns of Aurora Zabriskie House renovation: Complete
- 2017:
  - Auburn Public Theater Renovation & Expansion: Underway
  - Schine Theater Renovation: Awaiting certain funding contracts
  - Copper John equipment and renovations: Ongoing
  - Currier Plastics expansion: In planning
  - DuMond Farms soybean processing spin off: Completed
  - CCIDA Industrial Park Sewer upgrade: In planning
  - Prison City Brewing expansion: Underway
  - Autowash new location: Complete
  - Holiday Inn renovation: Complete
  - Nolan Block rehabilitation and renovation: Underway

- 2016:
  - SB Lattimore boutique lakeside hotel: In planning, should break ground soon
  - Gavras Center preschool expansion: Complete
- 2015:
  - Inns of Aurora expansion (spa, event center, and support facility): Spa underway, event center in planning

**OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Tracy Verrier attended and tabled at NYALT's Ag Resource Fair: Turning Planning into Action at CCC on November 23.
- Derek Simmonds is continuing to engage with a regional committee that is planning for next year's Grow-NY competition, which will be hosted in Central New York.

**Doug Kierst (Soil & Water Conservation District) – no updates**

**Dan Welch (Director Cornell Cooperative Extension) –**

A few highlights from CCE in 2019:

- Over 1,300 farmers, farm employees, and agricultural professionals participated in extension agriculture programs in the past year.
- More than 1,000 elementary students in every school district in the county learned about farming through a story and activities during Agricultural Literacy Week in March.
- 1,900 adults and youth in the county were reached through nutrition programs and demonstrations.
- Meetings and planning continue with the County and Cayuga Community College regarding the necessary agreements for the building transfer.

**Karen Kuhl (Tourism) – no updates**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Cornell Cooperative Extension:**

**1-20-PL-1 A Resolution to increase State Support for Cornell Cooperative Extension County Associations in the State of New York**

**ADJOURNMENT: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 5:30PM**

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**CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
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**COUNTY OF CAYUGA  
REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT FORM**

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**Address:** 16 Hidden Greens Road, Weedsport, NY 13166

**This appointment is recommended by:** Raymond Lockwood, Chairman, CCIDA

**Vocation of Prospective Appointee:** Mall General Manager

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**A Resolution to Increase State Support for Cornell Cooperative Extension County Associations in the State of New York**

BY: Keith Batman, Chair, Planning & Economic Development

**Whereas**, Cornell Cooperative Extension is a formal collaboration between the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at USDA, New York State, County Governments and the Citizens of the State that has served to apply unbiased, research-based knowledge from Cornell, New York’s Land Grant University, to the needs of New Yorkers and their communities for over 100 years; and

**Whereas**, local extension educators are key community partners in helping to implement state initiatives including maximizing agriculture and local food systems, strengthening the economy, promoting healthier eating habits and access to good nutrition, fighting poverty particularly in rural areas, protecting water quality and stewardship of New York’s natural resources, building opportunity through STEM based youth education and leadership skills in 4-H, promoting renewable energy options while protecting farmland resources, and partnering where appropriate in Taste NY initiatives to promote tourism and local food and farm businesses, and

**Whereas**, support from Federal, State and County sources is essential to the continued success of locally-governed county cooperative extension associations; and

**Whereas**, state appropriations for county cooperative extension associations to match county government appropriations as authorized by Section 224 (8) of the County Law have remained stagnant for twenty years; and

**Whereas**, state funding is needed to ensure that the Cornell Cooperative Extension system can equitably work for all New York residents through increased resources to support rural, suburban, and urban community development needs; now therefore be it

**Resolved** that the Legislature of Cayuga County supports increasing the State appropriation for Cornell Cooperative Extension associations to \$8 million, such funds to be distributed directly to the associations through Cornell University as agent for the state as provided by law.

**Planning Committee**

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