

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 03 / 30 / 16

EXCERPT FROM MARCH 30, 2016: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to table the Land Commission FY '16 1st quarter report until a Land Commissioner can be present, seconded by Lisa Summers. Motion carried unanimously.

2. General Information:

Session: Open Executive - See instructions for the applicable laws, then choose one:

Agenda Header:

Accept as Information only

Action - please describe:

3. Supporting Materials

Report Resolution Contract

Other:

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Business Committee signature required

4. Budget Information

Budgeted - Tribal Contribution

Budgeted - Grant Funded

Unbudgeted

5. Submission

Authorized Sponsor / Liaison:

Primary Requestor: Lori Elm, DOLM Office Manager

Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional Requestor:

Name, Title / Dept.

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LAND COMMISSION—(OCT-DEC, 2015) 1ST QUARTER REPORT

The Land Commission began the new fiscal year by setting their 2016 goals to align to the Oneida Nations strategic direction and practical vision.

Direction **Committing to Build a Responsible Nation**
Vision **Accountable & Effective Governmental Design**

To support Oneida Nation business and increase revenue, the Land Commission will Identify and acquire strategic land purchases for Oneida Nation corporations and business units.

Direction **Advancing Onvyote?a.ka Principles**
Vision **Long Term Sustainability Plans**

The Land Commission is developing a program for a land ONLY purchase process; this allows membership more options in financing, the ability to acquire a home that fits their individual needs, maximizes the use of acquisition funds, and reduces Oneida Nation risk.

Direction **Creating a Positive Organizational Culture**
Vision **Accountable & Effective Governmental Design**

Recommended edits and changes for the by-laws will be submitted to the Legislative Operating Committee regarding Land Commissioner qualifications. The by-laws will outline specifications to Real Property Law class and/or equivalent hours, specified subject matter training , or completes specified training within one year of election.

MISSION

“The Land Commission is an elected body of policy makers for Land issues. The Commission oversees land acquisitions, leases, mortgage loans, land use, probates and all other tribal land issues.”

Oneida Land Commission Members

- Amelia Cornelius, Chairperson*
- Rae Skenandore, Vice—Chairperson
- Jay Rasmussen, Secretary
- Donald McLester, Commissioner
- Sherrole Benton, Commissioner
- Racquel Hill, Commissioner
- Lloyd Powless, Jr., Commissioner

Meetings

Regular meetings are the 2nd Monday monthly. Acquisition Meetings are the 4th Monday monthly.

Meeting and Hearing Stipends

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| Meeting | \$ 50.00 |
| Eviction Hearing | \$ 50.00 |
| Probate Hearing | \$ 50.00 |
| Foreclosure Hearing | \$150.00 |

* Note a hearing body consists of 3 members

LAND ACQUIRED first quarter

- ◆ Oneida currently own 25,757 acres or 39.6% of the original reservation
- ◆ 1 DREAM home acquired
- ◆ Over 420 acres of land including sites for commercial and future development.

* The Oneida Land Commission is not a real estate developer. Future development decisions occur in another area of the Tribe.

First Quarter Meetings

- 3 Regular
- 1 Acquisition
- 2 Special
- 1 Oneida Business Committee

First Quarter Hearings

- 5 Hearings

LAND COMMISSION/BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 31, 2016 AT 2:00 PM
DIVISION OF LAND MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

FIRST QUARTER SUMMARY

To comply with the Business Committee's efforts to move the hearing body authority to the Judiciary, the Land Commission is working with the Legislative Operating Committee and Legislative Resource Office to develop the following;

- ◆ Real Property Law amendments
- ◆ Probate Law
- ◆ Mortgage Law
- ◆ Landlord-Tenant Law
- ◆ By-Law amendments

The new laws were all accepted to the active files on October 7, 2015 with David Jordan as the sponsor. Once these laws are developed, the hearing body authority for probate, evictions, and foreclosures can be transferred to the Judiciary. Work also continues on the Leasing Law.

The Annual Land Commission meeting took place on October 26th. At that meeting various areas of the Oneida Nation presented their land needs to the Land Commission. Land Management staff were asked to give input on what they required from the Land Commission. Highlights from this quarter include the following;

- ◆ The Land Commission took action to remove the one year buy back requirement from all future mortgages.
- ◆ A pilot program for "land only purchase for new homeowners" is being developed. Initial meetings with Division of Land Management, Bay Bank, Bay Title, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs are promising.
- ◆ The Land Commission requested and approved the Chief Financial Officer's recommendations on key strategic purchases to enhance the Oneida Nation's ability for business development and expansion.
- ◆ The Land Commission requested the current scoring sheet for DREAM homes be updated to include credit for applicants who have attended home buyer educational programs.

BC ACTION NEEDED: REQUEST BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE LAND COMMISSION 1ST QUARTER REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016