

# Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 6 / 22 / 16

## 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/Submitter:

Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional Requestor:

Name, Title / Dept.

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# LAND COMMISSION—(JAN— MARCH 2016) 2ND QUARTER REPORT

## 2016 Goals

**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?aka 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

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

\*2 Positions open—July Special Election

## ACQUISITIONS—Second Quarter

- ◆ 1/8/2016—County Road E 66.32 Ag acres
- ◆ 3/21/2016 County Line Road 33.8 Ag acres
- ◆ 3/12/2016 Residential 1.85 acres

Oneida currently own 25,757 acres or 39.6% of the original reservation.

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

## Meetings

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

## Meeting and Hearing Stipends

Meetings	\$ 50.00
Eviction Hearings	\$ 50.00
Probate Hearings	\$ 50.00
Foreclosure Hearings	\$150.00

\* Note a hearing body consists of 3 members

## Second Quarter Meetings

- 6 Regular Meetings
- 2 Special Meetings\*

\*One Joint Meeting with the Oneida Business Committee

## Second Quarter Hearings

- 1 Hearings

Land Commission/Business Committee meeting

March 31, 2016 at 2:00 pm

Division of Land Management Conference Room

**FIRST QUARTER SUMMARY**

**Update on Strategic Goals**

- ◆ At the request of one of the business units, the Land Commission (LC) is planning to acquire a Commercial property. While the business unit's plans are in development, the Land Commission will lease the facility to an outside entity to reimburse the acquisition funds, cover the taxes, and generate revenue.
- ◆ The Homeownership for Independent Purchase (HIP) program is set to roll out in April. This program has created a great deal of interest in its development and the Land Commission has set aside a portion of the acquisition funds to apply it toward this new program. This program reduces risk, allows members to choose their own home, negotiate their own purchase price and Division of Land Management (DOLM) purchases the land. This land only purchase program is a direct benefit to the membership. LC will be working with DOLM on the development of rules for a Phase II of the program. This would allow existing homeowners to sell their land to the Nation.
- ◆ The LC by-laws are being amended as the new laws come forward for approval. They will include a required training component. LC is also working with Community Education Center (CEC) to schedule a facilitated meeting to update their Vision, Mission, and Values.
- ◆ To incorporate the comments of the BIA, a new draft of the Leasing law was completed by LRO. This draft will be sent to Public comment next quarter
- ◆ The Mortgage Law is complete and will also be going for public comment next quarter. The Landlord Tenant Law is being drafted.

**Other Highlights**

On 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." The Land Commission has chosen not to attend the BC meetings because of the following;

- ◆ The Commission has met their reporting requirement to the Business Committee and the GTC by providing quarterly, annual, and semi-annual reports.
- ◆ The Commission would prefer that the entire Commission and not one individual of the Commission address any questions or comments on the reports.
- ◆ With the multiple methods and existing avenues of communications, the Land Commission does not feel that additional methods of communication are necessary.
- ◆ The Land Commission is in the process of examining and developing plans for the FY '17 budget.

**BC Action Needed:** Request Business Committee to accept the Land Commission 2nd Quarter report for fiscal year 2016