



Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park
Executive Committee Meeting, April 16, 2016, 9:00a – 10:00a

Members Present: Mike Manikowski, Matt Horn, Susan Brown
Non-Members Present: John Johnson, Gordon Maynard

The meeting minutes of the January 15, 2016 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Matt Horn and second by Mike Manikowski. *MOTION APPROVED*

John reviewed the Tech Farm's 2016 operating budget and year-to-date financial report.

John outlined terms for purchase of the Tops building in Town of Geneva, NY.

John indicated the list of potential new tenants includes *Blue Ridge Aquaculture*. He stated DEC approval of "brown field" land use may be required. Issues for land development include soil containment concerns. The proposed site at the Tech park includes a three-to-four acre former waste site.

Mike Manikowski recommended that the Tech Park consider retaining a civil engineering firm to develop an updated site plan for the park, taking in consideration of current list of potential tenants.

Mike Manikowski is also in agreement to proceed with plans for drilling a test well for water.

John met with Ed Maguire, *Cheribundi*, earlier this week to outline terms for a tenant lease at Tops building.

John and Ed are planning to meet with Vincent Esposito, Regional Director, Empire State Development, later this month in Rochester to discuss a New York State program which would provide \$400K to *Cheribundi* for the interior workspace build out at the Tops building.

John also provided an update on a potential new tenant for the Tech Park, Hellenic Protein. Their leadership team to present to executive committee later today.

John mentioned that current tenant, *Agro Research*, is interested in construction of a new building (20K sq. ft.) at the Tech Park.

John stated that the Tech Park is evaluating alternative sources for telecommunications services from regional providers.

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