



*Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park*

Executive Committee Meeting, August 19, 2016, 9:00a – 10:00a

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

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Matt made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 2016.

Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed.

John reviewed the operating budget, year-to-date for 2016, noting additional expenses in legal and civil engineering.

John identified improvements at the Tech Farm such as a new shared copier/printer which is now in place, and a new telephone service provider; Empire Access.

John also noted a revised waste collection schedule.

John explained that once current tenant, Cheribundi, moves out of the building – remodeling the building will be a concern to alleviate structural damages

John anticipated that the Cheribundi manufacturing space would be assumed by current Tech Farm tenant, Empire Cider Company.

Matt pointed out that should Tech Farm remodeling costs exceed \$25K, the remodeling project will need to be competitively bid out to vendors.

Matt added that local construction businesses Chrisantha Construction or Massa Construction, might be considered to develop remodeling project cost estimates.

John explained that remodeling cost might be underwritten by a grant from Genesee Valley Regional Authority. Other building refurbishing projects are adding storage shelving to the walk-in refrigerator. John will work with tenant, Stony Brook to identify a timeline for their future needs.

John stated that he is preparing data for PARIS in anticipation of the upcoming September 2016 board of directors meeting.

John outlined current projects such as requesting an update from Blueridge Aquaponics on their interest in a ground lease, a solar project with QuickSolar, is still an option for one more year, Hellenic Protein, a yogurt company, is interested in a ground lease, lease details being identified by civil engineering, legal and DEC interests. Empire State Development is also involved in discussions about Hellenic. Agro Research, a current tenant, has plans to construct a 6400 sq./ft. building. They are awaiting financial commitments.

Matt noted that Agro's building design plans needs to align more closely with existing architecture at the Technology Farm.

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