

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

May 4, 2016

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chairman Art Johnson; Supervisors Vince DeLucia, Paul Lent, Tom Richardson, Tom Wood, John Collyer, Ed Kinowski and Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Chad Cooke, Deputy County Administrator; Hugh Burke, Assistant County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Planning Director.

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

On a motion by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson said due to the resignation of Mrs. Daly from the Board it left a vacancy as Vice Chair. Mr. Johnson appointed Tom Richardson as Vice Chairman of this Committee.

Mr. Kemper said in the Planning Department's budget there is \$55,000 set aside to take care of the local match for the MS4 Stormwater Program. This is a major contract entered into with Cornell Cooperative Extension. This is the same amount as last year. **On a motion by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Lent unanimous approval was given to enter into a renewal agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension Association to manage the MS4 Stormwater Management Program.**

Mr. Kemper said Saratoga Land Management to manage County Forest Lands is seeking permission to cross a County Forest Land parcel to remove timber from a private parcel in the rear. Mr. Kemper has spoken to the County Attorney and he advises that a policy is created so that approval doesn't have to come from the Board each time this issue arises. This parcel is located in the rear of the parcel that timber is being removed for the Visitor's Center. **On a motion by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Wood unanimous approval was given by authorize temporary access to Saratoga Land Management over County Forest in the Town of Wilton and Northumberland.**

Mr. Kemper reported the County Trails Grant Program application has been finalized and will be sent out to Board members. He also reported that the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets announced several farmland protection grants. Saratoga County faired extremely well with over \$3M coming to the County. His last item was the presentation of the fish stocking brochure. He worked with the Administrator's Office to produce this brochure. The program is going very well with over \$11,700 worth of fish being stocked to date. Chairman Wright has participated in several of the events and has had great turn out with participation from schools in the County.

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the Consolidated Funding Application. In the State budget that was just passed there is another round of funding for projects. The Capital Regional Economic Development Corporation is now accepting applications with a deadline of 4pm on July 29th. The applications are available on their website. There is a workshop scheduled for June 2nd at Proctors and registration is open for that. There is an extra \$50M available for projects this year because the Capital Region was not successful last year. Mr. Kinowski asked if the County could do a small contract with a company/firm to write a grant for this funding. Mr. Johnson said if the County was able to come up with a County wide project, a minor contract would be considered at that time. Mr. Kinowski said he would attend the June 2nd meeting. Mr. Kemper said it is his intention to apply for funding for the Zim Smith Trail. **On a motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Richardson unanimous approval was given to spend up to \$2,500 to assist with CFA Application in the event there is a County project that qualifies.**

Mr. Johnson said there is one other funding opportunity that was part of the State budget but the time line is short. This is the Capital Regional Downtown Revitalization initiative with a letter of intent due May 13th.

On a motion by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. DeLucia the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Wright, Clerk of the Board