

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2006 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Peck; Supervisors Daly, DeCerce, Lawler, and Sausville; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Michael Valentine, Jason Kemper, Planning; Blue Neils, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Anne Magnuson, League of Women Voters; Press.

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. DeCerce, seconded by Mr. Sausville the minutes of the April 6, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Hellwig read a letter that was submitted to the committee by Greg Dixon requesting a resolution designating the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce as the county Tourist Promotions Agency and authorizing the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce to apply for “I Love NY” grants in the amount of \$238,850 for 2005-2006.

**A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Sausville authorizing the Chair to apply for and accept the “I Love New York” tourism grant in an amount not to exceed \$238,850 and to designate the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce as the County Tourism Promotion Agent. Unanimous.**

Mr. Valentine gave a brief presentation to the committee with regard to the Saratoga County Snowmobile Trail System. He stated the following municipalities do not have a trail system: Waterford, Saratoga Springs, and Hadley. Each year an application is made to seek a grant through the State Parks and Recreation. The county budgets the money and the state reimburses in two payments, once in November for 70% of the grant and once in April or May for the remaining 30%, he said. The money comes from registration of snowmobiles throughout the state. The state application deadline date is August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**A motion was made by Mr. DeCerce, seconded by Mr. Lawler to approve a resolution accepting a State Snowmobile Grant in the amount of \$89,010. Unanimous.**

Mr. Neils requested a resolution to accept a State Grant in the amount of \$248,000 for the MS4 Stormwater Management Project and to amend the budget. There will be no budget impact to the county or any of the municipalities, he said. Handouts of the Stormwater Management Program were distributed to all committee members for their review.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. DeCerce to approve a resolution to accept \$248,000 in State Aid for the MS4 Stormwater Management Project and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

Mr. Kemper gave a brief update on the progress of the Zim Smith Trail. There has been ongoing communication with DOT and progress is moving forward toward the construction of the southern portion of the trail, he said. Work continues in designing the trail into the Round Lake By-pass as well.

**On a motion made by Mr. DeCerce, seconded by Mr. Sausville the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom