

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

September 13, 2006 – 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Peck; Supervisors DeCerce, A. Johnson, Sausville, Yepsen; Keyrouze; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Jaime O'Neill, Planning; Blue Neils, Coop. Ext; Steve Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order.

Mr. DeCerce moved to approve the minutes of the August 8th meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Neils stated the EAF was sent out to all participating MS4 municipalities in anticipation of the County taking on lead agency status. This is the same as was done last year, he said. He said the County has to affirm a negative declaration for continuation of the Storm Water Management Program. Chairman Peck stated Mr. Neils' office oversees that program in working in cooperation with the towns. Mr. DeCerce stated there can't be any negative impact. We are trying to fix the water going all over the place, he said. Mr. Johnson stated Saratoga County is far out in front of a lot of counties on this. Mr. Neils said we are out stepping many counties in the State as far as our progression. We are doing an excellent job. Hopefully, this grant will enable us to keep moving forward, he said.

Mr. DeCerce moved to declare a negative declaration for the continuance of the Storm Water Management Program. Ms. Yepsen seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. O'Neill said every eight years, we are required to review the Agricultural Districts. During the review, it is the Board of Supervisors' responsibility to collect information about the district and determine if it should be continued, modified or deleted, she said. She stated Agricultural District #2 is comprised of 52,196 acres located within the Towns of Ballston, Charlton, Clifton Park, Galway, Malta, Milton and a portion in the City of Saratoga Springs. She said there was a 30-day review period beginning in March. We also advertise in the newspaper for the 30-day period, she added.

Ms. O'Neill stated they received three petitions to be included in the Ag. District No. 2 – 2 in Malta and 1 in Milton/Greenfield:

Peter Balet, Town of Malta, 161.01 acres for inclusion; Lou Faraone, Town of Malta, 73.76 acres for inclusion; Robert Eichorst, Towns of Greenfield and Milton, 126.28 acres for inclusion. She pointed out that Greenfield is not, to date, included in Ag. District #2. She stated the Agricultural & Markets Law stated there are some towns on the outside of the line, and this is located ¼ mile outside of Milton. She stated Supervisor Janik, the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, and the Planning Board have no problems with including this acreage. Chairman Peck recommended adding this Greenfield also, as these are done case by case.

Ms. O'Neill stated they received a request from Van Wort, Town of Galway, asking to have their land removed (49 acres). Chairman Peck said there is no down side to being in an agricultural district. He is probably just confused with this, he said. Ms. O'Neill said she tried to explain it to him, but she still received his letter.

Ms. Yepsen moved to approve adding 361 acres to Agricultural District No. 2 and removing 49 acres. Mr. Johnson seconded. Unanimous.

In discussing the Zim Smith Trail, Chairman Peck said a letter has gone out from the County addressing all issues from D.O.T., so we can start Phase I of the project. He said he will have Jason follow up on this next week. Ms. Yepsen asked if work will be done in the winter. Chairman Peck said it will go out to bid in early spring. Ms. Yepsen asked what Phase I was. Ms. O'Neill stated work to be done on Route 9 south of the Village of Round Lake to Coons Crossing to Halfmoon. Chairman Peck said part of this trail runs along the water line, and D.O.T. has requested why and how we will separate this.

On a motion by Mr. DeCerce, seconded by Ms. Yepsen, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann