

Economic Development Committee Minutes
August 12, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lawler; Supervisors Daly, A. Johnson, Kinowski, Richardson, Sausville, Wright, Wood, and Grattidge; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Jason Kemper, Planning; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Joe Klein, Superintendent of the National Park/Saratoga Battle Field; Todd Garafano, Saratoga Tourism Bureau; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Sausville the minutes of the June 5, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Richardson said the Historic Hudson/Hoosick Partnership has been working with Supervisor Wood to purchase a piece of property in the Town of Saratoga. It is anticipated that the property will be purchased within the next month through a State grant. He said the grant is for approximately \$900,000 and will need matching funds.

Mr. Klein said a request was being made for timber to be donated to the Hudson/Hoosick Partnership for the construction of the Gateway Visitors Center. Whatever the value of the timber is, which will be determined by the Planning Director, will be a direct dollar for dollar match.

Mr. Richardson said it is hoped that the different grants that are received can be matched if the county could donate the timber. The partnership would pay for the expenses in taking the timber down and transporting it to Schuylerville.

Mr. Moore said that donating the timber would have to be reviewed by the County Attorney before moving forward.

Mr. Richardson said the members of the partnership include the Town of Halfmoon, Town and Village of Waterford, City of Mechanicville, Town and Village of Stillwater, Town of Saratoga, Village of Schuylerville and Victory, Town of Northumberland, Town and Village of Corinth, Village and Town of Fort Edward, Village and Town of Greenwich, Easton, Schaghticoke, Moreau and South Glens Falls, along with several not for profits.

Ms. Daly said the donation of timber will be referred to the County Attorney who will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Mr. Garafano distributed a packet highlighting the financial summary, lodging stats, sales activity, targeted market segments, and marketing and communications of the Saratoga Tourism Bureau.

On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Johnson the committee moved into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Ms. Daly the meeting reopened to regular session.

No action was taken.

On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Ms. Daly the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom