

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

**September 9, 2009 – 3:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Chairman Daly; Supervisors Jenkins, Richardson, Sausville, Veitch, Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Shelby Schneider, SEDC; League of Women Voters Reps. (2); Press

Chairman Daly called the meeting to order.

Chairman Daly said we had one item left at our last meeting, and we were unable to get to that. We need to review a zone boundary revision, she stated.

Mrs. Schneider requested that the Board of Supervisors consider amending the boundaries of the Empire Zone. She said there are five designated separate areas, and Luther Forest Technology Campus requested we amend the boundaries within the Campus. She distributed copies of a map showing the boundaries of the existing zone. She said they are requesting the area be removed from Pod 9 due to some contamination under there from rocket testing and to move some of the acreage to areas 4 and 8 which more than likely will be developed first. We want to maximize our use of the Empire Zone Program while we have it, she stated. She mentioned the program will sunset June, 2010. We are still marketing Saratoga County and the site, and we have to use what we have while we have it, she added.

Chairman Daly said GlobalFoundries was not actually sited on the property definitively, and that is a good part of the driving force. Mr. Wright asked if it would be the same amount of acreage, and Mrs. Schneider said slightly less. **Mr. Richardson moved to approve these boundary revisions. Mr. Sausville seconded. Unanimous.** Mr. Sausville mentioned the Malta Town Board approved these adjustments by a 4 to 1 vote.

Mrs. Schneider said this will go to Law & Finance and then to the full Board. She said for any revision made in the zone, the community will have to concur with a local law that is need to be passed. She said County Planning and the County Attorney will be working on the SEQRA for the local law. There will be a public hearing scheduled, and it will be acted on at the full Board Meeting next month, she said. She mentioned Empire State Development is taking the lead and doing research on what other states are doing and soliciting requests from local economic development officials and different advocacy groups to see what the new program should look like. We have requests wanting to know our opinion, she stated. Chairman Daly said this program is the only tool we have to use in the Campus. It does not seem like Albany wants to partner with us, she said. Just the Empire Zone designation is the tool we have for marketing, she said. We have high taxes and a lot of negative aspects as well as positive, but New York State can negate some of our positive attributes, she stated.

On a motion by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Sausville, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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