

Economic Development Committee Minutes
May 7, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lawler; Supervisors Daly, Grattidge, Johnson, Kinowski, Lewza, Richardson and Martin; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Jason Kemper, Planning; Lisa Scaccia, Employment & Training; Patrick McAuliffe, Intern.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Lewza, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the April 2, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Scaccia said an RFP was sent out for the Workforce Investment Act program for disadvantaged youth ages 14-21. Currently CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services has a contract where they have been working with Employment and Training for the past three years. She said things are going well, meeting measures for the NYS Department of Labor in obtaining employment and GED's. The deadline for the RFP is May 28, 2014 and is available on the Employment and Training website. Mrs. Scaccia said the contract in the past with CAPTAIN has been for \$45,000, and Employment and Training received approximately an 11% increase in youth funding for 2014, so the contract will be for \$60,000.

Mrs. Scaccia said the Summer Youth Employment Program is getting under way for 2014. She said they were able to serve approximately 80 youth in 2013 and are hoping to do the same for 2014. She said if any towns have individuals who are interested in the program to please let her office know. The program is for youth ages 14-20, where they are employed from June 23, 2014 to August 18, 2014 at the new minimum wage of \$8/hr. for up to 30/hrs. a week.

Mr. Sausville asked what the deliverables were with regard to the program for disadvantaged youth. Mrs. Scaccia said it involves training for the TASK exam, career counseling, and career development.

Mr. Kemper said there is a section of the Champlain Canalway behind Momentive Materials owned by the City of Mechanicville and Town of Waterford. There is a grant available for the design of this section of the trail, with an easement obtained from the City of Mechanicville for their portion and work is continuing to do the same in the Town of Waterford.

Mr. Dorsey said the proposed Certificate of Incorporation for the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership LDC provides all the Economic Development powers that the Local Development Corporation law allows. A proposal is being made for an initial Board of Directors of a minimum of seven, maximum of 15. The Certificate of Incorporation does allow for an increase above 15 in the number of directors upon a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a later date.

The committee agreed on the title of the corporation to be the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, Inc.

Mr. Lawler said he would like the county to appoint a group of seven to the Board of Directors, and for the Economic Development Committee to recommend to the Board for consideration an initial slate of seven directors. Mr. Lawler said he has asked for and received some suggestions, recommendations, and nominations. He said his initial thought was to have seven directors and then they can play the role of recommending additional directors moving forward to the full Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Dorsey said the directors will serve two year terms concurrent with the Board of Supervisors. He said the Board of Supervisors can remove a director at any time without cause.

Mr. Dorsey said there was a recommendation in the Economic Development Plan that there would be an Executive Committee in addition to the Board of Directors and Advisory Committee.

Mr. Lawler said when the plan was put together there was a commitment to make sure that different parts of Saratoga County's economy had a voice. He said that the board should be big enough to give real diversity and representation.

Mr. Lawler said he has a list of all the recommendations that have been made relative to membership and people who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. He said he is going to put together an initial recommendation for the committee to respond back with their feedback. Once a consensus is met, it will be forwarded to the County Attorney and forwarded to Law and Finance Committee for consideration, and on to the full Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Lawler scheduled a special Law and Finance Committee meeting for May 14th at 3:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom