

Economic Development Committee Minutes
March 2, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Johnson; Supervisors Daly, DeLucia, Lent, Richardson, Wood, Kinowski, Grattidge and Wright; Chad Cooke, Deputy Administrator; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Lisa Scaccia, Employment and Training; Jason Kemper, Planning; Hugh Burke, County Attorney; Craig Hayner, County Clerk.

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

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the February 3, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Johnson said last month the Economic Development committee approved an inter-municipal agreement for the management of the Kinns Road Park in the Town of Clifton Park. He said the Clifton Park Town Board has also approved the agreement at their last meeting. In the agreement the County is to seek Home Rule Legislation to convey title of the property to the Town of Clifton Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Ms. Daly to approve a resolution requesting Home Rule Legislation to authorize the County of Saratoga to convey a 63.45 acre parcel of reforested lands on Kinns Road in the Town of Clifton Park to the Town of Clifton Park. Unanimous.

Mrs. Scaccia said the summer jobs program for 2016 will run from June 28th to August 22nd. Youth will be expected to work on average 20 to 25 hours per week at a pay rate of \$9/hr. This year Employment and Training is going to enter into a career day with SUNY Adirondack from July 11th through 13th, which will take place at the SUNY Adirondack Wilton Campus, and will be mandatory for youth to attend. The day will include resume writing, interviewing skills, financial literacy, how to review your paycheck, how to understand what taxes come out and why, etc. There will also be a session on STEM careers and different programs that the college has to offer as well. Mrs. Scaccia said the youth have to be ages 14 through 20. Pre-applications are currently being accepted from youth in the community.

Mrs. Scaccia said Employment and Training has a contract with Metrix E-learning in the one stop career center. She said this provides help to people who are looking to gain job skills quickly, online and at their own pace. Currently, there are over 4,000 job titles available through the project, E-learning, where certifications are offered as well.

Mrs. Scaccia said as a part of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, employment and training is also able to help businesses that may have workers that they feel they want to move up to the next level.

Mr. Kemper said the RFP's for bids for the 2016 timber harvest have gone out. He said currently a couple of right-a-ways are being worked on along the Zim Smith Trail and discussions are currently taking place with the railroad to come to agreement on a piece of property that will allow shifting the design which could result in significant construction savings.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom