



Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 3:30PM

40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Chairman C. Eric Butler; Committee Members Michele Madigan, Ian Murray, Mo Wright, Cynthia Young.

Absent: Ed Kinowski

Supervisor Matt Veitch; Chairman of the Board Philip Barrett; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Audra Hedden, Stephanie Hodgson, Renee Law, Mariah Ruscio, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Ann Flower Stitt, Petra Holden, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Jeff Williams, Kimberly Lambert, Nisha Merchant, Planning & Economic Development; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Pete Bardunias, Chamber of Southern Saratoga County; Nicolina Foti, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Darryl Leggieri, MacKenzie Zarzycki, Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Murray , seconded by Ms. Madigan, the minutes of the September 4, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Leggieri and Ms. Zarzycki provided a Discover Saratoga Annual Update via a Powerpoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Murray , to designate the Saratoga Convention & Tourism Bureau as the County’s Tourism Promotion Agency and authorizing the Saratoga Convention & Tourism Bureau to apply for an “I Love New York” Grant for 2025. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mrs. Young, seconded by Ms. Madigan, the committee approved the reimbursement requests from the Towns of Greenfield and Edinburg. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper gave a brief overview of the Towns’ projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Murray , seconded by Mrs. Young, to authorize the transfer of funds from the Economic Development Grant Reserve Fund and amending the 2024 County Budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Transfer amount for 2023 grant is \$753.63, 2024 projects will be paid from the 2024 budget.

Mr. Bardunias provided an update on Saratoga County Agriculture Conversations, Challenges and Opportunities as distributed with the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Murray , the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Connolly, Clerk of the Board