COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2019—Following Recognition Ceremony
Delphi Falls County Park

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PRESENT:
Committee: Cliff Moses, Joe Magliocca, and Bill Zupan
Absent: . Dave Jones, and John Reinhardt
Supervisors: John Becker, and Pete Walrod
County Staff: Ellen Bowe, Craig Brown, Jennifer Buckley, Karin Bump, Kipp Hicks, Scott Ingmire, Jamie Kowalczyk, Mark Seimone and Gwen Williamson

Meeting called to order at 11:33 A.M. by Moses.

A-1: The July 18, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved on a MOTION by Zupan and seconded by Becker at 11:34 A.M.

A-2: Scott presented the Sales Tax Update as submitted by Cindy Edick. There is some fluctuation from distribution to distribution, but the receipts keep coming back to where we should be. Becker added that the June 1st internet sales tax anticipated from the state will be approximately twenty thousand, which will fall considerably short of the need.

A-3: Jenny Buckley and Ellen Bowe presented the Career Center Update. 95 youth (between the ages of 14 and 20) were placed, 92 started at a total of 20 worksites. A summary of the 2019 program was provided with pictures and lists of the worksites. Ellen Bowe reported that Green Empire Farms held interviews at the Career Center and had a very good turnout. 65-70 people were offered jobs. There will be more interview days upcoming, 2 in August and 2 in September. Green Empire Farms anticipates hiring another 80 people by the end of August and 80 more by the end of September. Bowe also reported on the hugely successful CDL-B/Heavy Equipment training sessions. 96 thousand dollars in funding was received through the CFA grant and the training was made possible in cooperation with MVCC – Sage – and BOCES. They had excellent applicants, all Madison County residents and all 20 completed the training. Ellen shared success stories and grateful letters from participants. This program is changing lives in a big positive way. Kudos to the Workforce Development staff for a job well done!

A-5: Karin Bump presented the CCE Update. Karin said that CCE is working with Green Empire Farms as well to help find student interns. CCE is working with Ted Halpin on the animal/livestock emergency preparedness training. Open Farm Day was a great success. The feedback from the farms is the best to date with only 4 farms still to hear from. Cypress Solar will have presentations going on, there will be information on the CCE website. CCE is expecting to hear in mid-October if they are to be recipients of the Chobani-Agriculture Entrepreneurs Grant.

Craig Brown (4-H Youth Education) reported on the recently completed Morrisville Eaton Summer Youth Bureau program. The program worked with at-risk youth through an after school program and it was very successful. The program resulted in a reduction of referrals by 40%. The Ag. in the Classroom program is going on now and pairs up with 13 schools currently to promote agricultural interest and understanding.
with children. A Proclamation was presented for inclusion at the September board meeting proclaiming the month of October “Cooperative Extension and 4-H Month” in Madison County.

Cliff Moses said that he will be doing some research and looking back at the history regarding Farmland Protection Plan and he will get back to Karin on that matter. Ron Bono was suggested as the new member for the Ag. Advisory Board.

A-4: Kipp Hicks presented the IDA Update. Kipp reported on the Governor’s CNY Downtown Revitalization Grant. He said that Madison County has less CFA applications in this round but they are all good projects. IDA is closing on the bonding for Cazenovia College. The money will be used for HVAC repairs and building improvements. Amy Miller and Kipp are working on the RFP process for the Plastic & Tire to Energy Project. They have heard from 3 private companies. The goal for construction is 2021. Kipp and Cassie Rose are working on the Alliance for Economic Inclusion RFP. This is an initiative to address persistent poverty and underemployment.

A-6: Scott Ingmire presented the Tourism Update on behalf of Scot Flaherty. Ingmire noted that Tourism had started their fall advertising campaign and that new photos were taken for use in the 2020 Tourism Guide and the website. Scott will forward Flaherty’s report to Committee members.

A-7: Scott Ingmire presented the Planning Update. Scott explained some of the history of how the Planning Department / Planning Board has processed General Municipal Law Reviews and Recommendations since before he came, up to and including how it is done today and why. Scott outlined a particular recent GML review that was done for the City of Oneida with special zoning concerns and how it was handled. Scott explained that this is a 50+ year process and the law dictates this process. Scott said that the Planning Department and GML reviewers will continue in the manner that we have always done. The Committee offered kudos to Planning for the great GML related work that is done through them.

A-8: The Committee approved a resolution acknowledging the introduction of a proposed local law for the year 2019 pertaining to the PACE Financing Program, and calling for a public hearing on a MOTION by Becker and seconded by Zupan at 12:14 P.M. 4/0/0

A-9: The Committee approved a resolution extending the contract with Madison County Tourism, Inc. on a MOTION by Becker and seconded by Magliocca at 12:15 P.M. 4/0/0

A-10: The Committee approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board to enter in an agreement with the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation regarding snowmobile trail maintenance on a MOTION by Zupan and seconded by Becker at 12:16 P.M. 4/0/0

A-11: The Committee approved 4 resolutions authorizing the Chairman of the Board to enter into agreements with Douglas Case, Robert and Joyce Menkheim Everland Holding Co.,LLC, Anthony Tembelis, and Zeng Wu, for the New York Main Street Program Grant on a MOTION by Becker and seconded by Zupan at 12:18 P.M. 4/0/0

A-12: The above approved resolutions are to be included in the preferred agenda at the upcoming board meeting per MOTION by Becker and seconded by Zupan at 12:18 P.M. 4/0/0

A-13: As stated earlier, there will be further discussion and the committee will be updated regarding the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board.

A-14: The next scheduled meetings of the Planning Committee will be September 19, 2019 at 10:30 A.M.

A-15: The meeting was unanimously adjourned on a MOTION by Zupan and seconded by Becker at 12:19 P.M

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Williamson
# Sign in Sheet

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**Others Present:**

- **NAME AND AFFILIATION**
  - Steve Haag
  - Matt Eriqat
  - Christina Coe
  - Erin Brown - Career Center
  - Jennifer Buckley - Career Center

- Mark Skillicorn - Planning
- John Beiser
- Steve Eriqat
- Ali LeBlanc
- Mark K. - Health Care