

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

September 27, 2006

2:00 p.m.

Conf. Rm E, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Legislative Office Building, Oswego, NY

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**1. ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m..

PRESENT: Legs. F. Beardsley, Chair, D. Chalifoux, P. Natoli, K. Gardner, J. Beckwith

EXCUSED: Legs. B. Brown, S. Doyle

GUESTS: Leg. P. Santore, Joe Chairvolotti

STAFF: Janet Clerkin, Jessica Trump, Donna Scanlon, Steve Lyman, Deb Wise

**Approval of the August 29, 2006 meeting minutes.**

Motion by Leg. Gardner seconded by Leg. Chalifoux to accept the August 29, 2006 meeting minutes. All were in favor.

**2. Promotion and Tourism Updates**

**a. Public Information Officer Introduction**

Janet Clerkin introduced Jessica Trump, the Public Information Officer. Ms. Clerkin stated that one of Jessica's first projects was to develop a fall foliage tour brochure. Ms. Clerkin passed out copies of the brochure to the Committee.

**b. New Fishing and Hunting Brochure should be completed by year-end**

Janet Clerkin stated that the Fishing and Hunting Brochure is being revised. The text and photos will be revised, they are soliciting for advertisements. Steve Chirello is assisting Promotion and Tourism with the brochure.

**c. Reminder for Submittals for Winter Calendar of Events**

Janet Clerkin stated that forms have been sent out to organizations that had participated before in the Winter Calendar of Events. Ms. Clerkin passed around the form for events, she stated that they are still accepting events for the calendar, even though the cut off was September 22.

**d. National Park Service Visit**

Janet Clerkin said this event was a couple of weeks ago, it was a nice event. There were 9 coordinators from NPS here, from across the U.S. The coordinators visited several sites, one being the Underground Railroad cemetery of the Clarke family. The organizations taking part in the event were the Widewaters Group, Lowe's, the Underground Railroad, the Heritage Foundation, Sen. Wright and others.. Leg. Santore stated that many times these cemeteries such as the one at the Lowe's site, are just worked around, so they end up being higher than the rest of the area. Ms. Clerkin stated that Widewaters had done a wonderful job with the Clarke family cemetery, moving it and enclosing it with a fence, as it was originally. She said that the Heritage Foundation was very pleased also with the way the cemetery was moved. Leg. Santore stated that they moved the cemetery without desecration of the cemetery. Ms. Clerkin agreed they had carried this out in a very dignified way.

**e. New Website Development**

Janet Clerkin stated that they hope to have the new website finished by the end of December. They don't know the final cost yet. Promotion and Tourism is working with Purchasing for a RFP.

**3. Planning Updates**

**a. Village of Mexico Grant Application**

Donna Scanlon stated that this grant would help the village with \$1 million grant of downtown revitalization funding. The grant is from the Empire State Development Corporation, it's called the NYS Restore Initiative grant. There is a 10% match from the municipality. This funding would help to revitalize the downtown area of the village, it would include façade improvements. Ms. Scanlon went on to state that they had a public hearing for another matter in the village, a member from the Village of Mexico was present and interested in any downtown revitalization grant opportunities. There are 17 property owners who applied for this grant, they had to gather their data for the project sheets for the grant. Ms. Scanlon stated that this funding would be used for the area from Beck's Hotel, State Route 3 North, to State Route 69, along Main Street, which includes the Webb Block. The properties include one residential property, three not-for profits, and the remaining are business properties. Ms. Scanlon stated the 10% match will come from the village and the property owners.

**b. Town/Village of Hannibal – DEC water quality grant application  
(salt storage facility)**

Donna Scanlon stated that the Department has assisted the Town and Village with the grant process. This grant is from the DEC for salt storage, which will help the groundwater. Ms. Scanlon stated that the deadline for this grant is in October. Leg. Beckwith stated that the main purpose for the grant is for the salt storage facility to protect the groundwater.

**4. Executive Session – Performance Evaluations**

Chairman Beardsley and Steve Lyman agreed that they would hold off on the Executive Session until all the committee members were present. Mr. Lyman stated that there was only one evaluation to go over.

Chairman Beardsley asked Joe Chairvolotti, the County Forester, if there was anything that he needed to bring before the Committee? Joe Chairvolotti stated that he just wanted to update the Committee on the timber sale, that the bid for the sale was \$28,150. Mr. Chairvolotti stated that this was right around the figure range that they had planned on.

Janet Clerkin stated that there was one other thing that she wanted to let the committee know that Christine Gray was at a conference, but she had asked Janet to share information on the Tall Ship that will be coming into Oswego. Ms. Clerkin stated that the ship will be going up the St. Lawrence River and they are taking passengers. Information was passed around about the tall ship.

Legislator Gardner asked about fishing updates. Ms. Clerkin stated that those are on the County website. Leg. Gardner stated that those are from charter captains, he wondered how accurate they are. Leg. Natoli stated that the DEC has slowed up the fishing. Leg. Natoli also stated that

Larry from the bait shop, gives good fishing updates. Ms. Clerkin stated that that is where some of their fishing updates come from, as well as Tony Buffa. There are several guides that they get the updates from.

**5. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment by Leg. Natoli seconded by Leg. Chalifoux. All were in favor .  
Chairman Beardsley adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.