

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

November 29, 2007

6:00 p.m.

Conf. Rm. E, 4th Floor, Legislative Office Building, Oswego, NY

1. Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m..

PRESENT: Legs. D. Chalifoux, Chairman, J. Proud, V. Chair., J. Beckwith, C. Brewer, P. Natoli,
F. Beardsley.

EXCUSED: Leg. P. Vasho

GUESTS: Legs. M. Kastler, A. Gearsbeck, M. Potter and M. Sorbello

STAFF: Dave Turner, Phil Church, Fred Maxon, Deb Wise

Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2007 and November 13, 2007

Chairman Chalifoux asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Motion by Leg. Proud second by Leg. Beckwith. All were in favor of accepting the minutes.

2. Set Date for Public Hearing

County Comprehensive Plan

Chairman Chalifoux asked the committee to set the date for a public hearing for the County Comprehensive Plan updates. The public hearing will be in February 2008 the date is that of the legislative meeting in February and the time will be previous to the Legislative Meeting. Leg. Proud asked Dave Turner if the legislators would receive copies of the updates before the public hearing? Mr. Turner stated yes, they would have the updates in December or January meeting. All were in favor of this date for the comprehensive plan updates.

3. Budget Modification

NYS Matching Funds

Chairman Chalifoux stated that an estimate was used, this is to accept an additional \$3,646 from the NYS Matching Funds. Motion by Leg. Beardsley second by Leg. Beckwith to accept the additional funds. All were in favor.

4. Appointment of Department Head

a. Director of Community Development, Tourism and Planning

Chairman Chalifoux brought the next agenda to the floor, which was the reappointment of the Director of Community Development, Tourism and Planning. Chairman Chalifoux stated in his opinion Dave has done an excellent job. It was unanimous that David R. Turner be reappointed as the Director. Motion by Leg. Proud second by Leg. Beckwith. All were in favor of the reappointment.

5. Resolution

Dog Quarantine

Chairman Chalifoux stated that this is a yearly resolution for the quarantine of dogs by the State DEC. Motion by Leg. Brewer second by Leg. Beckwith to accept this resolution. All were in favor.

6. Resolution

Hotel/Motel Tax

Chairman Chalifoux brought up the next agenda item the hotel/motel tax. This resolution is to accept the 2% of the tax to the County for the administration of the tax program and the balance to be used for the promotion of tourism activities and programs. Motion by Leg. Brewer second by Leg. Proud to accept the hotel/motel tax. All were in favor.

Mr. Turner asked if he could just go over one more item that wasn't on the agenda, this is for your information. A hand out was circulated, from the Great Lakes Basin Report, in regards to hunters and anglers having immense impact on the nation's economy. Mr. Turner stated that the end of the first paragraph states ". . . hunters and anglers would rank in the top 20 list on the Fortune 500. In fact their spending is greater than the revenues of high-tech giants, Microsoft, Google, eBay and Yahoo combined." Mr. Turner went on to say that you hear of us talking about outdoor activities and promoting hunting and fishing in Oswego County, there is a good reason for this as they spend a lot of money in the county and it certainly is a big part of our local economy.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Chalifoux adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Motion by Leg. Brewer second by Leg. Beardsley . All were in favor of adjournment.