

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**August 20, 2012**

**PRESENT:**

**Michael Benson  
Robin Andrews  
Arthur Baer  
Jeffrey Braley  
William Hughes, Jr.  
Ronald Knott  
Matt Murell  
John Porreca, Sr.  
Richard Scalera  
Sarah Sterling  
Arthur Bassin  
Elizabeth Young  
Ellen Thurston**

**ABSENT:**

**Richard Keaveney, notified**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Kenneth Flood  
Mick Bessire-Cornell**

**PRESS: 1**

**Deputy Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.**

**M. Bessire- Cornell Cooperative Extension:**

**M. Bessire is the Agriculture Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, Columbia & Greene Counties. Agriculture production, supportive of the Livestock production with internal & external marketing venues.**

**Farmland Protection Plan: K. Flood gave the process of the draft and/or committee structure. The committee encouraged him to move forward on this. There will be a public hearing and then to the Full Board for approval.**

**Economic Development:**

**Discussion as Follow-up to Broadband August 14<sup>th</sup> Mtg.- How to proceed?**

**The committee is considering an all-out media blitz to find out who in the County is without high-speed broad band internet access. Members of the committee are representing rural areas throughout the County and have heard many complaints, and other issues with the speediness of connections in places like Hudson and Greenport. K. Flood stated at the Gerald Simons Commerce Park service is terrible . K. Flood was authorized to get the word out throughout the County. Another idea was at the Tourism Booth at the Fair. K. Flood stated “needed is a Town by Town analysis”. Also K. Flood will have a meeting with Whitespace.**

**Project Updates:**

**Waiting on the Private Hanger at the Airport.  
Flanders – transportation is needed to work there.  
Greenport Commons is moving along.  
TCI has a claim center set up.  
Local Ocean is still doing business.**

**With no further discussion a motion to adjourn at 6:03 PM by A. Baer, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.**

