

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
May 20, 2013

PRESENT:

Richard Keaveney
Arthur Baer
Richard Scalera
Elizabeth Young
Arthur Bassin
Jeffrey Braley
Ellen Thurston
Sarah Sterling
Ronald Knott
Robin Andrews

ABSENT:

Michael Benson
John Porreca

ALSO PRESENT:

Angela Rothermel, Ast. Dep. Clerk
Kenneth Flood
Kelly Radzik

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Chairman Keaveney called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

Cornell Cooperative Extension- Kelly Radzik, a 4-H staff member, spoke to the committee about Agriculture and STEM activities related to the 4-H Program. She passed out a handout to each supervisor that gave a calendar breakdown of events as well as a breakdown on the focuses of the program. Children in grades 3 through 12 can participate in 4-H. The program is mainly for children who want to advance in Biology careers. There are many different activities and trips for the children to attend. There are about 300-400 kids in the 4-H clubs, and about 3,000 in the outreach program.

Economic Development- K. Flood

Recent Financial Assistance to Businesses-A handout was passed around to all Supervisors showing a list of businesses in the City of Hudson receiving business assistance from CEDC

Rail Trans-loading Facility- A handout was given showing the time line of this continuing project. K. Flood explained that it is quite difficult to make the numbers work with the return on investment and applying with all the government issues. A meeting was held on May 20th with ADM to reassure them that they are the number 1 priority. The county does not want to make them mad or hurt their business. K. Flood said that ADM is doing very well. The grant deadline for this project is December 2014. K. Flood believes the design phase will take up the fall and winter months, and then the construction period can start late spring. It is still in the approval process.

New York Philharmonic Summer Home-The consultants had a presentation on this project, but K. Flood is unsure of how the presentation went. They said they had everything they need and that they will continue to work on in.

Love's Travel Center- Is still moving forward. It will be in front of Town Review Boards and Planning Boards in June. Originally the visitor center was going to be a gazebo on the property, but it is now going to be attached to the facility all the way to the right. The next meeting to be held will concentrate on the responsibilities of the Travel Center and the County. The Travel Center needs to be populated with brochures with information on the center, the County, and surrounding areas. There is to be a strong emphasis on Columbia County and Canaan, and also info on the Berkshires and Hudson.

Looking forward to 2014- The County is bound to do things better and more efficiently. **K. Flood** emphasized that technology needs to be used more, by everyone. There really needs to be a focus on marketing and how it can be done better. The new marketing director is doing great things already. **K. Flood** wants to meet with the new publisher of the Register Star, and also look into the new Real Estate Programs. He also would like the sit down and figure out what the 2014 goals are and how to reach them.

Agriculture

Farmland Protection Plan - Preliminary Draft Implementation (attached)

A draft was brought to the Farmland Board last week. There was a good discussion on it about where to make changes and improvements, and how in depth they need to be. The group is working on implementation steps they believe can be done. An extension from the State has been given until October. **K. Flood** suspects there will be a Public Hearing in July, and hopes to see approval soon after.

Consolidated Funding Application Round III Announced- **K. Flood** handed out the announcement to all the supervisors. There will be a Meeting between developers and the council. Application materials will be available by June 3rd, and all submissions will be due September 24th.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 5:47 P.M. by **A. Baer**, seconded by **R. Andrews**, motion carried.

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