

**Planning and Economic Development
October 27, 2009**

Present:

**Richard Keaveney, Chairman
Bart Delaney Jr.
Jesse DeGroot
Lawrence Andrews
Lynda Scheer**

Absent:

**Elizabeth Young-notified
George Jahn-notified
Philip Williams-notified
Roy Brown-notified
Douglas McGivney-notified**

Also Present:

**Alberta Cox, Deputy Clerk
Kenneth Flood
Ann Cooper
Ellen Thurston**

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Chairman Keaveney called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Department of Planning and Economic Development- Kenneth Flood

Tourism Update: Ann Cooper

Chili Cook-Off and Riverfront Farm Festival was a smashing success. There was 27 contestants and over 800 tasters. Hoping to make it better next year with more competitions. Holiday campaign: FYI- this season will bundle our marketing/advertising with Counties from Westchester to Albany, to save on costs.

Update on the Matching funds grant applications.

New Tourism logo development: Looking to update the county logo to something catchier.

Working with Phil Forman and targeting to use the new logo in 2010.

Updated the committee on the County Public Transportation: The Coxsackie Transport's Contract expires in December of 2009. Have sent bid proposals out to 10-12 vendors. Will advertise for 3 weeks.

Dairy Farm Aid Legislation Briefing: Stated that Senator Gillibrand met today on Aid to Dairy Farmers. There will be a stimulus of \$350 million to the Dairy Farmers.

Conference Form: Authorization for one employee to attend the New York State Data Affiliate meeting in Albany on Nov. 4, 5, 6 at a cost of \$95.00. Motion to approve was made by L. Scheer seconded by B. Delaney Jr. motion carried.

Handed out a Conference feedback Report from P. Perry, on the NY Planning Federation 2009 Conference for the committee to review.

Environmental Management Council Activities: Brief update on the EMC meetings and said that in November they will have a presentation on Outdoor Wood Burning stoves.

Resolution Request: Authorization for the Designation of Regional Significant Project; Local Ocean. Motion to approve by L. Scheer seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried.

Briefing: Report from Sen. Gillibrand's Office on the growth rate in high tech small businesses.

Reported on the DECD projects: Closed on AreoCity, Davi Delights, D'Haan, and Mario's.

Sale of Schroder's building will be finalized on Friday.

Spoke briefly on the Round Table meeting on Thursday. 100 have signed up to attend.

Discussion on the Charles Williams on which there was no bid.

With no further business at 5:37 PM a motion to adjourn was made by J. DeGroot seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried.

