

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MCDEVITT
BEATY
LEGGETT
BRAYMER
STROUGH
HOGAN
MAGOWAN
SIMPSON
WILD

REPRESENTING PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER
CHRIS BELDEN, ASSISTANT PLANNER
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS COORDINATOR

REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT
JOHN WHEATLY, VICE PRESIDENT
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL

GERAGHTY
MERLINO
SOKOL

ROBERT IUSI, PROBATION DIRECTOR

BRIAN LAFLURE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

BUD YORK, SHERIFF

TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT

DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*

THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*

LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 19, 2018 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2018/economic>

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 9:19 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Sara Frankenfeld, *GIS Coordinator*, who distributed copies of her agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing her agenda review, Mrs. Frankenfeld presented the following requests:

- 1) To authorize a transfer of funds between various budget codes totaling \$2,124.28 to provide the third quarter 50% salary match for the Capital Project H367, *First Wilderness 2015*, grant.
- 2) To authorize a transfer of funds between various budget codes totaling \$2,037.16 to provide the second quarter 50% salary match for the Capital Project H367, *First Wilderness 2015*, grant.

- 3) To authorize a transfer of funds between various budget codes totaling \$1,036.82 to provide the second quarter 50% salary match for the Capital Project H349, *First Wilderness*, grant.
- 4) To authorize a transfer of funds between various budget codes totaling \$1,087.54 to provide the third quarter 50% salary match for the Capital Project H349, *First Wilderness*, grant.
- 5) To authorize a transfer of funds between various budget codes totaling \$3,904.71 to provide second quarter 50% salary match for the Capital Project H372, *First Wilderness 2016*, grant.
- 6) To authorize a transfer of funds between various budget codes totaling \$4,216.97 to provide third quarter 50% salary match for the Capital Project H372, *First Wilderness 2016*, grant.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve all of the above listed requests for transfers of funds and forward same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

- 7) To authorize agreement with the Village of Lake George and other project partners to implement projects relating to the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan Funding Awards to the Village of Lake George from the New York State Department of State.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Chairman Conover entered the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

- 8) To authorize recording a portion (\$200,000 as local match expenditures and \$200,000 as State reimbursable expenditures) of the Contribution from Warren County to the Lake George Park Commission for years 2016 through 2019.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried unanimously to approve the aforementioned request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing with the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda, Mrs. Frankenfeld apprised Chris Belden, *Assistant Planner*, managed the grant projects along Lake George. Mr. Belden presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Lake George Watershed Projects Planning & Implementation", which he reviewed in detail. Mr. Belden distributed examples of aquatic invasive species from the Lake George Association.

Mr. Merlino inquired how the Town of Lake Luzerne could apply for grant money to purchase live edge snow plows and Mr. Belden explained the State funding was designated only for communities located within the Lake George Watershed.

Ms. Hogan commended Mr. Belden for his efforts, adding the Lake George Watershed Project was a great program. She stated she was in favor of the creation of a similar program for the Hudson River Watershed.

Mr. Wild asked if the number of invasive species had been lowered as a result of the boat washing stations and if the source of the invasive species was known. Mr. Belden replied the majority of species were coming from New York State and the remainder were from all over the Country. Mr. Simpson informed he had all of the data on the

lakes in the Adirondacks from the Adirondack Watershed Institute which he offered to share with Mr. Wild.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Travis Whitehead, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, who informed Mr. Belden had failed to mention an audit was completed in 2015 which found the Towns were not bearing the expense of \$2 million for matches which took place two years prior to the arrest of David Decker, *Previous Lake George Coalition Executive Director*, and he noted the boat wash station would be the largest dollar match. He proceeded to apprise the Committee the boat washing station removed a minuscule amount of aquatic invasive species compared to the amount in the Lake and he cautioned the Committee that with the grants came a significant expense. He noted he would like to see volunteers man the stations rather than expend funds for employees.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ed Bartholomew, *President of the Economic Growth & Development Corporation (EDC)*, who presented a PowerPoint Presentation entitled “Collaborating”, which he reviewed in detail with input from John Wheatly, *Vice President of the Economic Growth & Development Corporation (EDC)*. *A copy of the presentation is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Mr. Wild requested Mr. Bartholomew provide a listing of goals to accomplish next year and Mr. Bartholomew replied in the affirmative, adding he would also provide a glance back at 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Mr. Strough, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board