

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: JULY 20, 2016**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: MCDEVITT  
BEATY  
STROUGH  
SIMPSON  
MACDONALD  
MONTESI  
LEGGETT

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:  
ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT  
WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISOR MERLINO  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

SUPERVISORS: WOOD  
DICKINSON

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the July 20, 2016 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/2016/economic/>

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 12:01 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Montesi 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 Wayne LaMothe, County Planner, who reported he received three applications for the Senior Planner position that had been advertised beginning the first week of July. He indicated he would continue advertising the position for an additional two weeks.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ed Bartholomew, President of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), who notified Just Water was on every table at the Adirondack Challenge on Sunday and he said because of this Governor Cuomo had promoted upstate New York.

Mr. Bartholomew informed in the past month he had met with businesses in the North Country looking to expand or increase the size of their business. He indicated he and Robert Blais, Mayor of the Village of Lake George, toured poverty stricken areas along Lake George. He said he spoke to National Grid regarding vacant buildings and he informed grant money was available to aid in the economic growth of those areas.

Next, Mr. Bartholomew advised he met with municipalities and businesses to assist with the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process, which had a deadline of Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned a combination of businesses that wanted to retain and expand their product line, along with municipalities who had needs such as infrastructure, not-for-profits and trails and parks, participated in the process.

Mr. Bartholomew noted there had been two meetings regarding the review of the Route 9 corridor from the outlets at Northway Exit 20, south to the Glen Drive-In including the K of C building. He stated the RFP (Request for Proposal) process would commence soon and interviews would follow.

Continuing, Mr. Bartholomew proclaimed money was awarded for the First Time Homebuyers Program which was expanded to include areas outside of the Glens Falls.

Finally, Mr. Bartholomew reported that there would be a public hearing hosted by the New York State Department of Public Service at the Crandall Public Library, Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> regarding the potential change in the 518 area code region. A brief conversation ensued.

Mr. LaMothe thanked Mr. Simpson for attending the North Creek Business Alliance meeting.

Mr. Leggett commended Mr. Bartholomew for the work he had done for Warren County.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. MacDonald, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist