

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

Monday, April 16, 2018 - 10:30 PM

Noel Merrihew, Chairperson  
Roby Politi, Vice-Chairperson

Chairman Merrihew called this Economic Development/Planning/Publicity Meeting to order at 10:48 am with the following Supervisors in attendance: Archie Depo, Shaun Gilliland, Ronald Jackson, Steve McNally, Michael Marnell, Noel Merrihew, James Monty, Jerry Morrow, Ronald Moore, Randy Preston, Michael Tyler, Joe Pete Wilson, and Tom Scozzafava. Robin DeLoria, Joseph Giordano, Charles Harrington, Dean Montroy, and Roby Politi, had been previously excused.

Department Heads present: Daniel Palmer and Anna Reynolds. Dan Manning was absent.

Also present: Aurora McCaffery, Dina Garvey, Margaret Bartley and Jim Dougan. Carol Calabrese, Jody Olcott and Rick LeVitre had been previously excused. Jim McKenna was absent.

News Media present: Keith Lobdell - Sun News

MERRIHEW: Good morning we will call the Economic Development Committee to order. First on the agenda, I believe is going to be Anna Reynolds. The IDA has been excused and also the Empire Zone.

REYNOLDS: Good morning, 239M referral, the Village of Saranac Lake submitted a 239M referral of the revision of their development zoning code to reflect a steep slope in a residential area called H2. In review there's no impact to County property and a letter of no impact should be issued.

MERRIHEW: Someone care to move that resolution? Moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Morrow.

**ACTION OF THE ESSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD  
ON A REFERRAL RECEIVED FROM THE VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE**

**The following motion was made by Supervisor Moore.**

**Whereas, the Essex County Planning Board has considered the following GML 239 referral at its regular meeting on April 16, 2018.**

**REFERRAL**

**PROPOSED ACTION**

**Village of Saranac Lake -**

**revision of development zoning code**

**Whereas, the above referred, proposed action does not directly impact a county road or county property.**

**Be it adopted by the Essex County Planning Board that a letter of no impact is recommended.**

**This motion was seconded by Supervisor Morrow and passed on a vote of 6 in favor, 3 absent, and none opposed.**

MERRIHEW: Questions or comments on the resolution? Being none, all those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries.

REYNOLDS: I have a miscellaneous resolution for a budget amendment request, I am sorry that it wasn't on the agenda. It's for a grant, a vehicle charging station grant. So, a resolution authorizing a budget amendment increasing revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$3,853.20.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN AN AMOUNT OF \$3,853.20 IN THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT - VEHICLE CHARGING STATION GRANT.**

Moved by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Marnell.

MERRIHEW: Comments or questions on the resolution? Being none, all those in favor? Opposed? Carries.

REYNOLDS: Okay and then one last new effort that I have been thinking about and have not pursued without your permission is I'd like to develop a MOU with towns and villages regarding the 239M/N referral process. This would be in order to save time, paperwork in reviewing these projects. A lot of them don't impact county property and I think if I can develop a MOU with the County Attorney this would help save time and efficiency within the County Planning Board process. So, with your permission I would like to pursue that effort.

MERRIHEW: Would we require a motion for that?

PALMER: Yeah, you need permission of the Board to go ahead and establish a MOU, but the purpose of the MOU would be that some of these ones that have impact would not come here at all? Is that specifically what you're saying?

REYNOLDS: Correct

PALMER: Alright and who would make that determination? I mean, I guess your office working with the town directly?

REYNOLDS: Yup

PALMER: And the DPW and of course DPW?

REYNOLDS: Yup, I could receive the letter and I could just simply call the town and say this does not qualify or send an official letter that says that this does not need to be reviewed by the County Planning Board, the local board can approve this.

PALMER: Okay, but I guess within that you would still need DPW, because lots of time people will tell you that it doesn't impact a county road when in fact it does.

REYNOLDS: Yeah, as a part of the MOU being developed, if it has a direct impact to County roads, please submit a permit application to DPW.

PALMER: Okay, alright.

MERRIHEW: Okay, so we would be looking at a motion to create a MOU that would include DPW for the consideration of roadways.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO DEVELOP A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TOWNS AND VILLAGES FOR THE 239M REFERRAL REVIEW PROCESS THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Morrow

MERRIHEW: Questions, comments on the motion? Being none, all those in favor? Opposed? We have created for you.

REYNOLDS: Thanks

MERRIHEW: No, it sounds like a reasonable idea to cut down with the red tape.

REYNOLDS: A lot of time is spent reviewing the paperwork and I think we can make it more efficient.

MERRIHEW: Sure, it's a good idea.

REYNOLDS: Thanks

MERRIHEW: Questions or comments for Anna before she goes. We're all set, thank you very much. And this morning we have our historian, Aurora McCaffery.

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The next item on the agenda was the Essex County Historian with Aurora McCaffery reporting as follows:

MCCAFFERY: Good morning, so our 2018 museum schedule is set and I've included that in my report this month. We are, our season theme this year is World War I and the Adirondacks and we are happy to be expanding our lecture and film series. Our lectures, we'll have 6 lectures and they'll be Thursday evenings at 7:00 and we are increasing our films to 6, as well and they'll be at 7:00, mostly on Thursdays, there is one exception to that and our film series is offered to the community for free.

I listed our exhibits here at the top. We will be keeping Adirondack Suffragists, but we will be expanding to include Women and the Great War section in there. We will explore Essex County in the War in an Exhibit called, Over There: Local Boys Go to War and in our Roseburg Gallery we'll be doing a show called Artists of War: Posters as Propaganda in World War I and that will be curated by Aaron Noble, New York State Archivist.

So, we are really excited about our season and we hope that you can come and see it and that's all I have.

MERRIHEW: Thank you, that's quite a list of activities and I look forward to that.

MCCAFFERY: I know, we'll be busy.

MERRIHEW: Questions or comments?

TYLER: Are you planning in restoring any more signs?

MCCAFFERY: Yes, yes we are finishing the last two as soon as the weather breaks in Elizabethtown, we have to finish those and then we can move on after that.

TYLER: Westport will probably be the next closest town you would want to go to.

MCCAFFERY: Yeah, sure.

MONTY: I was thinking Lewis.

MCCAFFERY: Whoever emails me first.

MONTY: No problem.

MERRIHEW: No, those turned out very well. There was a coincidence on the news this week, an activity in Vermont trying to do the same thing and that's all volunteer.

MCCAFFERY: Yeah, I'll probably touch up, we'll touch up this one a little bit, I think and somebody

turned, I think it was turned. It looks really nice.

MERRIHEW: Further questions or comments?

MONTY: The historical signs; right?

MCCAFFERY: Yes

MONTY: Because we have one, we do have one and it actually is in Lewis and not Elizabethtown, the Wadhams sign and it really needs to be.

MCCAFFERY: Okay, yeah

MONTY: Thank you

MCCAFFERY: We will definitely be looking at that.

MARNELL: Are these the old case iron signs that you're talking about?

MERRIHEW: Blue and yellow.

MCCAFFERY: Yeah, historic, yeah mostly blue and yellow, some are like a brown.

MARNELL: Do we have any left, have you removed from State land that have been shot at, I don't know, they're hidden and the trees are grown in.

MCCAFFERY: Removing them?

MARNELL: Have you even taken them?

MCCAFFERY: We have not, no. I would have to look into that. I don't know what that entails. I know this one, and I don't know who, I wasn't involved in who actually lifted it. It was quite leaning, but someone went out and fixed that one after we repainted it.

MERRIHEW: I assumed it was the DPW and I think we just got a confirmation, Jim is just making this up, but he'll take credit for it. It wasn't elves that's for sure.

MCCAFFERY: But, yeah, we'll continue doing that project.

MERRIHEW: Further questions or comments for people that have found signs that need redoing? I guess not, thank you very much.

MCCAFFERY: Thank you, have a good day.

MERRHIEW: Rick had been excused today, because of the weather for Cooperative Extension and Jim McKenna also had some issues.

Any further business to come before the Economic Development Committee, being none, we stand adjourned and Linda's open invitation to lunch still stands. Thank you

**AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE IT WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:58 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Garvey, Deputy  
Clerk of the Board