ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Monday, July 13, 2026 - 10:00 AM

Matthew Stanley, Chairperson
Kenneth Hughes, Vice-Chairperson

Chairman Stanley called this Economic Development/Planning/Publicity Meeting to order at 10:00 am with the following Supervisors in attendance: Clayton Barber, Matt Brassard, Chris Clark, Timothy Follos, Kenneth Hughes, Mary Lamphear, Tracie McGill, Steve McNally, Clayton Menser, James O'Bryan, Timothy Pierce, Richard Preston, Cathleen Reusser, Matthew Stanley, Ike Tyler, Joe Pete Wilson, and Margaret Wood. Davina Thurston was previously excused.

Department Heads present: Mike Mascarenas, Anna Reynolds, Angie Allen, Jim Dougan, Krissy Leerkes, and Linda Beers.

Deputy present: Dina Garvey

Also Present: Elizabeth Lee - Cornell Cooperative Extension, Jody Olcott - IDA, Dan Kelleher - ROOST, Caitlyn Wargo - Adirondack Roots, Dr. Eric Bell - CVES BOCES and Casey Galligan - Essex County Arts Council. Aurora McCaffrey - Essex County Historian and Nicole Justice-Green - Essex County Land Bank had been previously excused.

STANLEY: We're going to call the Economic Development Committee meeting to order. We're going to be starting off with a presentation from Casey Galligan from the Essex County Arts Council.

GALLIGAN: I am the part time Admin for the Essex County Arts Council. I started in November, so really, I just wanted to come and meet you all and say thank you. We were able to fund 48 projects throughout the county this year and allocated all but $200 worth of what was allocated from the County, so $36,200 and we're really excited about some of the projects. Some of them are already completed, one of them being in the Town of Jay, that huge mural of the kingfisher was one of the projects that the Arts Council helped to fund. And yeah, we got 57 applicants this year, funded 48 of them and the total request amount was near $50,000 of all the applications and what folks were asking for, and we were pretty happy with what we were able to fund. We made sort of like more robust, we had a more robust panel review this year, which was really exciting. I think we got a panelist from almost every town to be reviewing all the applications, which was exciting. It means that every application got three different sets of eyes on it.
And we are hoping to, we have done this in the past and I don't think it happened last year. I remember for myself, it was the most impactful thing that I went to in terms of understanding what the Arts Council was, and this was in 2018. I went to a party at the Hand House where all that Supervisors were there and everyone who was part of the arts world was invited to be a part of it. I, at the time, was on the Board for the Upper Jay Arts Center in Upper Jay and got to meet a ton of people in the arts world, got to see the Supervisors and sort of connected the dots of like what is the Arts Council, how does that interface with the County and then what's is our art community.

And so, we're hoping to have a party, this year in November at Counterspace, the new coffee shop right around the corner and hoping to coordinate that with either a meeting of the Supervisors, sort of a moment that you all are here that we can shuttle everybody over to Counterspace and have folks in the arts world be there, as well. So, we are hoping that will be in October or November, when our summer schedules slow down a little bit.
But I am pleased to meet you. I am a performance artist, myself, I am a small business owner in Wilmington and working part time with the Arts Council, so thank you all.

STANLEY: Any questions for Ms. Galligan? Alright, thank you very much.

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The first item on the agenda was the Industrial Development Committee with Jody Olcott reporting as follows:

OLCOTT: Good morning, I have on your report that proposed BOCES building in Mineville. The side arm of the IDA which does non-for-profit corporations is the Capital Reserves Corporation. So, the CVTec BOCES project is up to $60 million in tax exempt bond financing, as well as the mortgage recording tax abatement request. I kind of just gave you a very, very brief summary in my report of what they have for employment there, that they propose. I brought Eric from CVTec in Plattsburgh, he's going to give you just a very brief summary of the project, which I am sure most of you are aware of. They received APA approval at the June 11th meeting, and we are moving forward to closing this and getting to a construction type phase of the project.
Highlight; 56 full time, 7 part time existing jobs, adding 5 on the back end of this project. Their existing payroll right now is about $2.7; it will end at about $3.5. They're anticipating about 244 construction jobs for this new construction project which is going to make a huge impact for the Town of Moriah. And I will let Eric briefly talk about what their plans are for the facility and what they plan on doing.

BELL: Thank you, Jody. Like she said, Eric Bell, Deputy Superintendent at CVES BOCES, really excited to share this project with you. So, we're building a brand new facility in Mineville, just down the road from our current facility and the reason and rational behind it is that we have double in size in the last 6 years. So, our student count is just over 200 students now and we're at maximum capacity. So, we have needs for workforce development and expanding our program at CVTec, but we also have a special education side of the house. So, we have 48 special education students, and we are currently turning students away that need our services. So, for us it's a combination of two in that expansion. So, our housing for 55,000 square foot facility, we're looking at building 107,000 square foot facility right down the road to expand our services. Typically, you wouldn't see me at this meeting because a BOCES can go out and have tax exemption bonds, we can't hold financing, but our component districts could. CVES has 16 component districts mixed in Clinton and Essex County. So, on this project we're doing it a little differently. So, one of the questions that I get every time that we speak about this, and we just did it in Plattsburgh, too, we work with CIDC, they have created CIDC Essex to do this project and their whole reason for existing is to save municipalities costs on their capital construction. So, doing our project this way

we're able to save, we're estimating over $20 million on construction costs for this project. The other piece is, is we can actually have a brand new building in about 2.5 years. In typical time, when a BOCES goes to build it, it takes about 8-9 years for us to build it. So, our needs, we wouldn't be meeting them for 8-9 years, whereas we're planning to break ground this fall/November when we're allowed to break ground and open the new facility in 2028. So, we're really excited about it and the impact it will have in the region. I typically get a ton of questions, and I am happy to answer any of them, if you would like.

STANLEY: Any questions?

MCNALLY: I love the idea, I love the program, but to sit here and listen to BOCES doing this, building that building with the rest of us, if we want to build anything, we have to follow the law, which is ridiculous. I don't know if any of you have ever done a project, but it takes us 9 years, because we have to follow the law, but the State and BOCES can skirt the law, it's just frustrating. I am not opposed to this project, and I am glad it's being built, but I tell you want, why don't do this with all of us here? If we want to build a new community center, if we want to do a water project, why is this not offered to municipalities?

OLCOTT: In the fact that Steve is taking about using a developer to come in and construct your facility, getting away from prevailing wage rate and stuff like that and then obviously leasing the facility back to like a BOCES, so that's the comment.

MCNALLY: Everyone in this room who builds anything, it's going to cost us twice what it should because of this. And for the State come in and let BOCES get away with this, it's all taxpayer money.

OLCOTT: I'm not arguing with you and obviously you're on the IDA and we talked about this project and you're right. I mean anybody in this room can say 40% more for prevailing wage rates and an increase in the project and this is the way to get away with it.

MCNALLY: And the speed, I am not opposed to this project. I am not opposed to them getting away with this, but I think that should be offered to municipalities throughout the State.

OLCOTT: Agreed

MCNALLY: What's good for the goose.

HUGHES: Just a quick question, what is the official relationship with CVES and CIDC? Is it a contract or a subcontract?

BELL: So, it ends up being a lease agreement, so it's a contract.

HUGHES: Okay, thank you.

BELL: And so, then I will add to it; we do have a side agreement that at the end of the lease, the BOCES can purchase the building and property for whatever is left on the debt, which is going to be almost nothing, but it takes a public vote at that time to purchase the property.

HUGHES: Okay, so I can better understand what you're talking about and understanding that relationship.

MCNALLY: Yeah, it's skirting the law.

REUSSER: So, how do you anticipate this new building impacting the course offerings?

BELL: Great question, so our expansion plan is that there are five new CTE spaces and offerings that we can provide and also five new special education classrooms in this facility. So, the other piece is we are expanding capacity within the current programs. So, I will give you a good example, like welding right now, we average 10 in the morning, 10 in the afternoon, we can hold. In the new facility we are planning for 20 and 20 in that program, plus the 5 additional. So, typically the follow up question is what programs are you thinking about? Those actually go through a committee process, so I will share with you, our plan right now, is expanding the culinary arts training, HVAC training is another one and education and human services is a third one that we're looking at for those five spaces.

REUSSER: Thank you

BELL: You're welcome.

STANLEY: Any other questions?

PRESTON: How about Adult Education, any expansion there?

BELL: So, yeah, currently actually we aren't taking adults, because we're full and that's a big problem for us because the need is there. So, our plan is yes to provide adult education opportunities. The other piece that we're looking at is CDL training for adults is something that we're looking to expand and do as well, as part of this facility.

MCNALLY: Existing building plans?

BELL: Yeah, so our Board has stated publicly that they are looking and willing to sell that facility, so we're actively doing appraisal on the building, right now. So, that way we can market it between now and when we move out. Our goal is that by the fall of 2028 we have that building sold.

STANLEY: Any other questions?

REUSSER: And that's the Department of Education building?

BELL: No, it's actually the taxpayers of Clinton and Essex Counties. So, when we sell the property and any building, the money flows back to all of our component districts. So, BOCES cannot keep it, so all of our 16 districts, they all get a percent share.

REUSSER: Good to know.

WOOD: Are you going to be cooperating or working with any of our two-year schools, like North Country Community College, so the people who are starting something with you can go on and peruse a training?

BELL: Yeah, we currently have those articulation agreements with those two-year colleges and some of our students actually graduate with 27 credits that they receive through the BOCES, and we can expand the partnership, as we get more space, absolutely.

STANLEY: Any other questions? Alright, so we'll move onto the resolution.

OLCOTT: So, resolution authorizing the issuance of up to $60 million dollars in tax exempt bond financing, as well as the incentive of, let me give you the exact number, $736,971.00 in mortgage recording tax abatement.

STANLEY: Can I have a motion? Mr. Wilson, second Ms. Reusser.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE ESSEX COUNTY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION OF CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT REVENUE BONDS, NOT TO EXCEED $60 MILLION, TO FINANCE A PROJECT FOR CIDC ESSEX, LLC., IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW YORK AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING MORTGAGE TAX ABATEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $736,971.00
Wilson, Reusser

STANLEY: Any discussion? Being none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Anybody opposed? Motion carries.

OLCOTT: Any other questions on any of the projects in the report?

STANLEY: Any questions? No, you are excused, thank you very much.

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The next item on the agenda was Community Resources with Anna Reynolds reporting as follows:

REYNOLDS: Good morning, I will do the referrals, first. They are all in the Town of Ticonderoga. They're all for site plan review and the one on Route 74 is also an area variance. They do not

have intermunicipal or countywide impacts and therefore a comment letter stating as such can be issued.

STANLEY: Can I have a motion and a second? Mr. Hughes, Ms. Reusser.

ACTION OF THE ESSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
ON REFERRALS RECEIVED FROM THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA

The following motion was made by Supervisor Hughes.

Whereas, the Essex County Planning Board has considered the following GML 239 referrals at its regular meeting on July 13, 2026.

REFERRAL	**PROPOSED ACTION**
Town of Ticonderoga - 463 Baldwin Rd	**Site Plan Review**
Town of Ticonderoga - Route 74	**Site Plan Review & Area Variance**
Town of Ticonderoga - 142 Mount Hope Ave.	**Site Plan Review**
Town of Ticonderoga - 60 Montcalm St.	**Site Plan Review**

And whereas, none of the referred, proposed actions directly impacts a county road or county property.

Be It Adopted by the Essex County Planning Board that no recommendation or comment on said referral shall be or hereby is made, and the respective referring bodies may take such final action as they deem appropriate.

This motion was seconded by Supervisor Reusser and passed on a vote of 9 in favor, and none opposed.

STANLEY: Any discussion? Being none, all those signify being saying aye? Anybody opposed? Motion carries.

REYNOLDS: A resolution authorizing our department to accept a grant in the amount of $100,000 for the NYS DEC Septic System Replacement Program. This is the least amount we've ever received, typically it's $250,000-$300,000. So, this is about 10 septic systems is all this will pay for. So, it's a little disappointing and we'll find out more about why that allocation is so low, but that is what we had.

STANLEY: Can I have a motion and a second? Ms. Wood, second by Mr. Preston.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $100,000 AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT, INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SAME - NYS DEC SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM
Wood, Preston

STANLEY: Discussion? Being none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Anybody opposed? Motion carries.

REYNOLDS: So, I accidentally submitted the same resolution twice, when I meant to submit a second one, which is a resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to go out to RFP for the Upper Bridge engineering study in Keeseville. We passed the resolution to accept and sign the contract in April.

STANLEY: Can I have a motion and second? Ms. Reusser, second Mr. Hughes.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO GO OUT RFP FOR THE NYS DEC FUNDED UPPER BRIDGE PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
Reusser, Hughes

STANLEY: Discussion? Being none, all those in favor signify by saying aye, anybody opposed? Motion carries.

REYNOLDS: That is all.

STANLEY: Any questions for Ms. Reynolds? Alright, you're excused, thank you very much.

REYNOLDS: Thank you

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The next item on the agenda was the Essex County Historian, with Aurora McCaffrey having been previously excused and no additional report given.

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The next item on the agenda was Cornell Cooperative Extension, with Elizabeth Lee reporting as follows:

LEE: Good morning, everyone. I hope you all had a great weekend, what a beauty and I hope you got to visit some of the farmers' markets, and ate some delicious local food. I did submit a report, does anyone have any questions?

STANLEY: Any questions for Ms. Lee?

LEE: Not hearing any, I just want to point out a couple of things, we have, we're really excited that many of you have probably heard that we received a Northern Border Joint Commission Catalyst

Grant which will be featuring Agritourism Promotion in our area and in partnership with ROOST and we are really excited about that and it will be rolling out of the next 2-3 years. So, that a real recognition for the work that we are, having been doing with farmers. To that, you're invited to a twilight farmer tour at Triple Green Jade in Willsboro on July 22nd from 5:00-7:00. They're trying some really interesting things to promote agritourism on their farm. On your desks a schedule of some really fun agritourism events that are happening at Reber Rock Farm and at Triple Green Jade over the summer. I really encourage you to try and make one of them. The food is amazing and take a friend, take family, they're really, they have a really nice feeling at those events, buying local food and just being on a farm.

Later this morning, you're all invited to attend, I hope you'll attend the Public Hearing for the Agricultural District inclusions that is all a part the process for the Ag District that you've been hearing about in previous meetings.

The other thing that I wanted to feature today, two other things; one is the amount of students that we have reached in the past month is pretty amazing with pop-up farmers' markets and schools, trying to make the rounds of farmers' markets around the county. Our schedule, there is a tri-county food guide on your desks, as well and those go like hotcakes. We can really keep enough of them printed. So, if you run out, let me know. All that information is also available on our website, as is information about which farmers take which food benefits, at which farmers' markets takes food benefits. So, that information is all on our website, or feel free to contact me if you need to be pointed to that. We do circulate it through the Well Feed Collaborative and some of our other partners, like Office for the Aging, as well.

And lastly, I want to make sure that you all know, probably you do about the Fair. The Fair is coming up, this year I'm really excited that being closer to the fairground we're having a lot more opportunity to collaborate with the Fair Board, tonight is their meeting, too, my staff will be attending. This year we have 50 animals coming to the Fair, including horses. So, part of it will be the horseshow, but the other is small animals. This is a really welcome return to the programming that's been at the Fair in the past. One of the things that we are trying to do is we're hosting an event on July 31st for 4H alumni and it's in our building. It's just to really welcome 4H Alumni to come back over to the Fair. Our event is free, it does not include admission to the Fair for everybody's family who comes, but we're going to try and work with whoever is there to make sure that you get to enjoy some fun stories and just kind of restore a little bit more contact between 4H alumni and the Fair. We will have a few door prizes, and we also are really excited to have a popup showmanship class to challenge anybody that has shown cows in the past. Martha Heywood from the Fair Board is making possible a little fun competition to see who remembers what showing cows is all about and you're all welcome to come and you'll share to see the 4H alumni pins out in the world. I meant to bring some for whoever is a 4H alumni in this room, but I left them on my desk. So, come on over on July 31st, 4:30-6:00 at the new building to try and get some fun going with 4H.

STANLEY: I am looking forward to rekindling my showmanship skills of my youth, so I will be there participating in the event. So, I think it's really great trying to get the alumni back. I think that's one of the ways I think we can grow that 4H program through word of mouth and through experiences that former members have had, so I think that's a great idea. Thank you very much for putting that together.

LEE: Thank you, it's going to be really fun and we're hoping that at the time we can also find some new volunteers, some new 4H leaders and we do have a mentoring program that is working its way out into the communities and we're looking for mentors in particularly, hoping to get some Ag mentors, to get students who are interested to have a pathway to potential agricultural careers, whether it's actually raising animals or whether it's farm marketing, Agri-tourism, business finance for farmers, whatever it is that they might find interesting about agriculture in Essex County. We also have some really interesting ideas about mapping and using GIS, so there's a lot of different careers that definitely connect to the agricultural scene in our county.

STANLEY: Great, any further questions for Ms. Lee?

HUGHES: Elizabeth, good morning I just want to say thank you for highlighting the Reber Rock and Triple Green Jade Farm events, they're amazing value added to the Town of Willsboro and the Town of Essex. They do a really great job. We've got some amazing farms in our two towns, and I just wanted to thank you for highlighting this to our colleagues here. They're fun events, and they offer good value added to both of our towns, so thank you.

LEE: Thank you, I just wanted to say we are trying to expand those. As farms in your towns are hosting agritourism events or want to learn more about it they can contact Cole Tranger in our office. So, he's been here before and I am happy to give you his contact information if you need it.

STANLEY: Any other questions or comments? Alright, thank you very much.

LEE: Thanks everybody, have a great week.

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The next item was the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism with Dan Kelleher reporting as follows:

KELLEHER: Good morning, everybody, it's good to see you on another beautiful day. Antidotally, we're hearing that summer is going very well in terms of numbers and bookings and I have heard from many of you that the Porsche Parade was a great start to summer. We heard that Porsches were seen throughout the County and the businesses here in Elizabethtown were busy. They did rallies and trips across to AuSable Chasm and Fort Ticonderoga. I heard Porsches were seen all over the place in Newcomb. So, very glad to hear that that impact was spread out.
A couple notes adjacent to Porsche Parade; these types of events, automobile related that bring people from multi-night stays and then travel around the County are something that we are very much stressing. You may remember, last year, we hosted the Sunshine Rally, and they came and they did a scavenger hunt around Essex County before moving on to Vermont. We also have Mini Cooper coming in September. I should note that Porsche Parade is the preeminent car event in

North America in terms of duration, it's 10 days long, it's 1,300 cars. That's kind of the biggest one that we can possibly get, so everything else will be smaller, but we're still going after this market. Because Porsche Parade was successful, it put us on the map for other events and we're currently in conversations with Corvette for 2029. So, these things are a slow burn but we're happy that this event went well and showcased our ability to do more of these in the future.

Another note on that, group business is something we very much stress, it's a long burn, but bringing in groups that are little more elastic than visitors who cancel on a rainy weekend is something that we're very much invested in.

And the other sector that we're looking at is bus travel. So, getting those buses that come in the shoulder season and come mid-week. So, at a time when it's hard to get people here. So, we're investing a lot of money trying to get those bus trips here and again, those buses will stay multiple nights and drive around Essex County. So, we do that by going to travel and trade shows for bus operators. It's a great opportunity for some of our attractions to get exposure, as well. We foot the cost and then they also get to participate. So, places like the Fort, High Falls Gore, or AuSable Chasm, they all get to showcase, as well, and that's something that they wouldn't necessarily be able to do if we weren't going that work. So, we're really looking to grow that bus trip business, as well.

A couple of other notes before I move on. We're happy to see Elizabethtown earn their pro-housing designation last week. With that new award, we're at almost 100% of the way with Essex County be the first county, north of the Mohawk River have all their towns be pro-housing certified. That is important for housing, but it is also important for a whole host of other grants. Someone else has pointed out who hasn't done it, but I'm not going to do it but there are a whole host of non-housing related grants that become available when you're a pro-housing certified community and so we're happy to help you out in going after those funds.

Last, a couple of weeks ago I sent out our Lake Champlain Region/Adirondack Hub lodging market analysis. We are actively promoting that to developers to try and bring in new lodging facilities in the Lake Champlain Region and the Adirondack Hub. We have some hot leads for clamping facilities and so we're going to be working on getting those into sites over the next couple of years. Representing to the Champlain Area Trails group, the Twin Valleys project on Thursday. They have a new site that they very much want to bring some lodging to. So, we're excited to be partnering with them to find out what the best fit is there to bring a substantial lodging facility to the Twin Valley site.

As we continue to grow the overall visitor spending pie, here in Essex County, we also want to help our businesses get their slice of that and so every week in our regions, we send out a weekly insider email with tips and updates about what's going on in the region, last week we also sent out our quarterly newsletter. This is a bit more in-depth of all the resources we offer. We supplies a lot of data to the local businesses. It provides a whole host of promotional opportunities and toolkits that they can use to get in front of customers, supplies them with links to, we have a whole imagine database that businesses can use for their social media feeds, for them websites, it provides a link to that and it also includes a new checklist which we just developed for businesses, to help them optimize their websites for AI. I know I talk about this a lot, every business in Essex County gets a listing on our website for free that drives AI optimization, but there is a whole host of things that they also would benefit from doing on their websites to enhance their search engine. So, that is in that quarterly email, as well. That newsletter is a year old now, so we've done four

of these and we're proud to say that we're getting some good turnout.
And finally, the last thing that I will note is, we just earned a statewide award for our leadership in artificial intelligence optimization for our website. So, we talked about that ADK data backend that feeds all six of the Essex County websites that we manage but it also feeds into our partners websites like the Elizabethtown Social Center and Schroon Lake Chamber of Commerce and so our websites are really ahead of the curve, both statewide and I can tell you, nationally, as well and we are glad to be getting some recognition with that.
With that, I am happy to answer any questions you folks may have.

STANLEY: Any questions?

WILSON: Thanks, Dan, in the first paragraph of your report to talks about the increase in traditional lodging revenues and the decrease in short term rental revenue, is that a new trend? And what do you think the implications of this are where we've got all these investment Airbnb's across the county?

KELLEHER: Yeah, we're monitoring data. We saw that show up in April and we saw it show up in May and that really drove down the May numbers. The June data, we don't have the hotels yet, but we do have the Airbnb's and they're up in June year or year. So, it might just be a blip in the data, we're not really sure. It's also very rare for hotels to jump 26.7%, so maybe there's a blip in both data points and it's a coincidence. So, I think we're just going to be monitoring that trend long term to see how it goes.

WILSON: Alright

KELLEHER: There is some speculation that people are starting to move their Airbnb's to the informal site of things to avoid sales tax and occupancy tax and Airbnb fees, which are also through the roof. So, if you have people that come every year and instead of having them book through Airbnb, you can just say hey, call me and write me a check and it goes informal and no one is this room sees what's going on, so there's a chance that that's happening, as well.

WILSON: So, it's really worth monitoring, like Mr. Brassard pointed out a few months ago, that thinking that's happening and how do we…

BRASSARD: It's already happening.

WILSON: Yeah, we're just moving into contract with Deckard and trying to keep an eye on the honest owners, now we got to go after the ones who are going to be shortchanging us hundreds of thousands of dollars of occupancy tax and sales tax now, too.

KELLEHER: Yeah

WILSON: Alright, thanks, thank you.

STANLEY: Alright, any other questions? Alright, thank you very much.

KELLEHER: Thank you

STANLEY: And I just want to say for the record that the Historian has been excused today but does have a monthly report in your packet. The Essex County Land Bank has also been excused, they did not offer a report this month. So, we will finish up the meeting with Adirondack Roots.

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The next item was the Essex County Land Bank with Nicole Justice-Green having been previously excused and no report was given.

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The next item was Adirondack Roots with Caitlyn Wargo reporting as follows:

WARGO: Hi everyone, great to see you. I did submit a report last week, so I am happy to answer questions on that.

STANLEY: Any questions?

WARGO: Absent questions, congratulations to the Town of Elizabethtown, super excited about the Pro-Housing Community designation. That definitely helps us when we're looking at communities to partner with for grants moving forward.

REUSSER: And I would offer a tremendous thanks to Adam DeSantis with ROOST who was instrumental in getting that for the Town of Elizabethtown.

WARGO: And the only other thing I would add is the 21st Century Road to Housing Act began law by limping across the finish line and that will, at some point, have an affect on LIHTC Projects and also the cost of mobile and manufactured homes. I am not sure how much, we have a larger portion of mobile and manufactured, here in the North Country than in other areas of the State and that's something that will hopefully benefit your communities when it comes down. What it means for us as someone who does mobile home replacement is that we may be able to squeeze another home out of a grant, if the costs go down, but likely the other costs will go up, and it might just average out of us. I am not sure how much of an affect that will have, but we are working with Blue Line Development to resubmit the LIHTC application that will result in a renovation of the Lee House in Port Henry, along with some new homes in Schroon. So, we're working with Blue Line Development, that's due this September. If you recall it wasn't moved forward last year, but that is par of the course. We found with the State, and we also worked with Reagen Development on the North Elba project a few years ago, and it was the same and it was the same in Ticonderoga. So, we met with the State and with Blue Line and understood what they wanted to

see on the next application and so we're moving forward with that, and we'll hear about that in the near future. And that's all I have.

STANLEY: Thank you, any questions? You're excused, is there anything else that needs to come before the Economic Development Committee meeting? Seeing none, it is 10:34 and we are adjourned.

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, IT WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Garvey, Deputy
Clerk of the Board