

**Dutchess County Planning Board
MINUTES – March 14, 2018**

Present

Colleen Cruikshank
Michael Dupree
Edward Hauser
Hans Klingzahn
J. Patrick Lambert
James Nelson
Warren T. Smith
John Weisman
Randall Williams
Ron Hicks, Assistant County Executive for Economic Development
Brad Barclay, *Staff*
Jennifer Cocozza, *Staff*
Lynn Schara, *Staff*
Eoin Wrafter, *Staff*

Absent

Gary Baright
Hans Hardisty
Jill Way
Rick Wilhelm
John Metzger, *County Legislative Liaison*
Anne-Marie Smith, *County Attorney Liaison*

Hans Klingzahn, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM. All board members and staff introduced themselves.

Ed Hauser made a motion to approve without change, the minutes from January 10, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Randall Williams. There were no objections, and the minutes were accepted.

Commissioner's Update, Eoin Wrafter

Eoin reported that to date this year, the Department had completed 78 referrals.

The new electronic referral process that the Department has been working on is nearly complete and after a few revisions are made, we hope to offer a preview to the Board at our next meeting in May.

The Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) has arrived in this office for review of 124,000+ address points by July 3, 2018. The purpose is to identify all residential addresses prior to the 2020 Census. When the Department conducted this review for the 2010 Census, we added over 40,000 additional residential addresses to the Census, which helps when it comes to funding being granted to the area.

Economic Development Update

Ron Hicks, Assistant County Executive of Economic Development, gave a presentation to the Board on the state of economic development in Dutchess County. He touched on the various initiatives that the County is involved in, including Th!nk Dutchess and the Economic

Development Advisory Council. Ron also discussed some things the County is promoting, including craft beverages and manufacturing, small businesses, and the Hudson Valley Regional Airport. He shared with the Board some new projects that are being launched, including a sake company in Hyde Park and the Bellefield project, also in Hyde Park.

As part of the County's focus on innovation, we have created a Memorandum of Understanding amongst four anchor institutions in the area, IBM, Marist College, Vassar College, and Dutchess Community College. The purpose of this partnership is to create an ecosystem in Poughkeepsie, to contribute to the community to attract business. Rhinebeck Savings Bank has committed \$3M to loan to businesses in the innovation district.

Partnership for Manageable Growth

With the application scoring and the site visits to the potential properties complete, the Board discussed their findings and available funding. There is enough funding available to fund all four projects and still have enough left over to possibly fund two additional projects.

In general, there was some concern about the Kimlin Cider Mill property. While the Board supported the preservation of the land, the structure itself is in poor condition. The Board recognizes that if they do not fund the project, it could seriously hinder their future prospects entirely. There was also concern that the parcel would be used for parking, rather than passive recreation. The Board agreed that perhaps language could be written into the agreement to ensure that parking is prohibited on the parcel, or only used for a restricted amount of events.

Since the Board agreed that all four projects should be funded in full, Eoin read the resolution, which recommended that up to \$1,042,500 of the total project costs be awarded for the projects. Michael Dupree made a motion to accept the resolution as read and Ed Hauser seconded that motion. With no objections, the motion was carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2018, at 3:30 pm.

With no further business, Randall Williams motioned to adjourn and Patrick Lambert seconded. The meeting ended at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Schara