

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A GREATER MASSENA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2017 – Revised

Board Members: Ron Bacon Dave LaClair
 Jeff Dobbins Dan Pease

Excused: Paul Rufa, President Anthony Viskovich
 Chris Herrick

Staff: Tom Sullivan, Executive Director
 Linda Williams, Secretary

Call to Order

BDC Vice President, Ron Bacon, called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Minutes of the December Regular Meetings

A motion was made by Dan Pease to approve the February 2017 Minutes, that motion was seconded by Dave LaClair and passed with all members present voting 'Aye'.

Financial Reports for February 2017

Reports are unavailable

Comparative Budget for February 2017

Report is unavailable

Operations Committee

AT the meeting on March 13 the easements from Curran Renewable were available, meaning that the projects currently underway at the Industrial Park can move forward.

Infrastructure Committee

No meeting was held this past month

Marketing Committee

Tom: The Committee did not meet this month

Industrial Park/Rail Spur

Tom: There was a meeting on January 30 with discussion about designing a logo and the group continues to work on how to implement improvements along the corridor.

Industrial Park/Rail Spur

Tom: John VanderLoo, from Empire State Development, has said that the BDC's paperwork is all in process and we should be hearing from them soon.

Massena Core of the Community

Tom: We have received two applications to date, but do expect there will be more coming in before the deadline.

Mayor's Leadership Council

There was no meeting this month

Massena Moving Forward Community Coalition

Tom: A meeting is planned for next week.

North Country Alliance

Tom: I was unable to attend this month's meeting

RACER/General Motors Site

Tom: Sen. Gillibrand asked about the site, and about who has control of the property.

Restore New York Grant

Tom: This grant comes under the Empire State Development and so there is some uncertainty as to whether the BDC will be handling the processing of the refund.

St. Lawrence County Economic Advisory Board

Tom: The Board met this month, discussed Community Revitalization; why there isn't any active horse riding groups/trails in our area. NYPA has sent out requests for proposals of enterprise development.

St. Lawrence Soyway

They are still waiting for finalization of their funding and hope that they will be ready to move forward at the end of April.

Theatre

Tom: They are in discussions about resubmitting a grant request to the New York Main Street Program.

Liaison Reports

No reports this month

Questions from the Press

No one was present this evening.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dan Pease to adjourn at 5:20 pm, that motion was seconded by Jeff Dobbins and passed with all members present voting 'Aye'.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massena Business Development Corporation will be held on Thursday, April 20 at 4:30 pm, in Room 30 of the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Williams