

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A GREATER MASSENA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Jun 15, 2017

Board Members: Ron Bacon, Vice President Dave LaClair
 Jeff Dobbins Dan Pease

Excused: Paul Rufa Anthony Viskovich
 Chris Herrick

Staff: Tom Sullivan, Executive Director
 Linda Williams, Secretary

Public: Steve O'Shaughnessy, Town of Massena
 Trish Wilson

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the May Regular Meeting

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

Financial Reports for May 2017

A motion was made by Dan Pease to table approval of the May 2017 Finance Reports, that motion was seconded by Dave LaClair and passed with all members present voting 'Aye'.

Comparative Budget for May 2017

The report was reviewed by the Board; no action is necessary for this item.

Operations Committee

No meeting was held this past month.

Infrastructure Committee

No meeting was held this past month.

Marketing Committee

Tom: Marketing meetings will resume in the near future! After NYPA releases global search firm I will work with Patrick Kelly at the IDA to determine what the best path forward is for marketing!

Arconics Update

Tom: The CFO was recently in Massena, he said he is happening with what is happening in Massena and that company representatives are attending meetings in DC regarding Homeland Security. The general feeling is that the company is headed in the right direction.

Community Revitalization Committee

Tom: The Community Revitalization committee will be submitting a CFA to continue working on a St. Lawrence River Blueway plan.

Grasse River Blueway Corridor

Tom: This group is actively working on how to proceed with increasing viable use of the waterway and increasing tourism in the area.

Grasse River Clean Up

Tom: The EPA is monitoring contaminants regarding the project

Industrial Park/Rail Spur

Tom: The easements for the road are still not complete and we have not received CSX's insurance information yet.

Massena Core of the Community

Tom: The recipients of awards are slow to get started on their projects, we are reaching out to them. At least one person seems to be having difficult with getting permits/approval.

Moving Massena Forward Community Coalition

Tom: Massena Moving Forward group has finalized their document and have presented it to the public!

New York Power Proceeds

Tom: These are funds from the sale of unused Power Authority megawatts, and is earmarked for the local communities.

Trish Wilson: There is another St. Lawrence Basin Mixer scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, at the Best Western University Inn in Canton, NY. The discussion will be "Employee Retention".

North Country Alliance

Tom: The annual meeting is scheduled for next week; I plan to try to attend.

North Country Re-Development Task Force

Tom: They are finalizing a BOA document and discussing GSA's preference for Haverstock Rd for a water line.

North Country Regional Economic Development Council

Tom: There is a meeting scheduled for June 23 in Lake Placid

St. Lawrence Soyway

Tom: This project is now probably not going to be progressing until 2018.

Theatre

Tom: Their Consolidated Funded Application should be getting filed; hopefully they will get approval and can work on the building.

Staff Report

Tom: I have not gotten any updates on what progress Venue Strategies has made regarding their project.

The new owners of the St. Lawrence Mall have some good ideas and they appear to be working toward overall improvement there.

Consultant & Liaison Reports

Town of Massena – Steve O’Shaughnessy

Questions from the Press

No attendance at this meeting

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dan Pease to adjourn at 5:45 pm, that motion was seconded by Dave LaClair 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, July 20, at 4:30 pm, in Room 30 of the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Williams