

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A GREATER MASSENA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2017

Board Members: Paul Rufa, President Dave LaClair
 Ron Bacon Dan Pease
 Jeff Dobbins Anthony Viskovich

Excused: Chris Herrick

Staff: Tom Sullivan, Executive Director
 Linda Williams, Secretary

Call to Order

BDC President, Paul Rufa, called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Minutes of the August Regular Meeting

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

Financial Reports for August and September 2017

A motion was made by Anthony Viskovich to approve the August 2017 Financial Reports, that motion was seconded by Dan Pease and passed with all members present voting 'Aye'.

A motion was made by Anthony Viskovich to approve the September 2017 Financial Reports, that motion was seconded by Dave LaClair and passed with all members present voting 'Aye'.

Comparative Budgets for August 2 and September 017

The reports were reviewed; no one had any comments.

Nominating Committee

Paul Rufa selected a Nominating Committee for recommendations for officers for 2018; Ron Bacon, Dan Pease and Anthony Viskovich will be on that committee and give their recommendations at the Annual Meeting in January 2018.

Operations Committee

The Committee met on Monday and discussed the upcoming year and the future of the BDC.

Infrastructure Committee

No meeting was held this past month.

Marketing Committee

Again, there was no meeting

Alcoa/Arconics Update

Tom: There is some discussion about the Town of Massena taking over the water supply at the East Plant.

Community Revitalization Committee

The Committee had a presentation on the water supply at the Alcoa East Plant and other changes

A hydroponic greenhouse project has been proposed to begin in the Spring of 2018, but they would have very minimal labor needs

Grasse River Blueway Corridor

Tom: The meeting was cancelled

Grasse River Clean Up

Tom: Still working to be sure the cleanup can begin in the spring

Industrial Park/Rail Spur

Tom: Trying to get some paving done, but it probably will now have to wait until the spring.

Massena Core of the Community

Tom: We still only have five projects complete. We will get in touch with the businesses that we have not yet heard from to find out the status of their projects.

Moving Massena Forward Community Coalition

Meeting cancelled

New York Power Proceeds

Tom: They have one application and the committee will meet in December

North Country Alliance

Tom: There was a teleconference meeting on the 15th, but I was unable to call in

North Country Re-Development Council

Nothing to report

North Country Regional Economic Development Council

We have not yet heard anything about the Theater application

RACER/General Motors Site

Nothing new to report

Restore New York Grant

Nothing to report

River Valley Re-Development Agency

They met on Tuesday

St. Lawrence Country Economic Development

The group met on Wednesday, and the discussions were about restoring the Slavin's Building; asbestos abatement has begun

St. Lawrence Soyway

On Monday we met with them, they are working on funding, perhaps a via bonds

Theatre

Nothing new to report, waiting to hear on a grant applicaiton

Consultant & Liaison Reports

No attendance at the meeting

Questions from the Press

No attendance at this meeting

Executive Session

Dan Pease made a motion that the Board move to Executive Session at 5:00 pm, that motion was seconded by Dave LaClair and passed with all members voting 'Aye'.

Anthony Viskovich made at motion to close the Executive Session at 5:25 pm, that motion was seconded by Jeff Dobbins and passed with all members voting 'Aye'.

Attorney

Dan Pease made a motion that the Board hire John Hebrand to review the future regarding the Massena Rail Spur, that motion was seconded by Dave LaClair and passed with all members present voting 'Aye'. Paul Rufa will make the initial contact with Mr. Herbrand this week.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dave LaLair to adjourn at 5:30 pm, that motion was seconded by Anthony Viskovich 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, January 19, 2018 at 4:30 pm, in Room 30 of the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Williams