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AGENDA

August 2007 Meeting Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board

Wednesday, August 22, 2007
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

**Greek Peak Mountain Resort
And Hope Lake at Virgil Town Park
NYS Route 392 and Clute Road
Virgil, New York**

Chairwoman Kathleen Rapp, Presiding

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| 1. | Call to Order | Kathy Rapp |
| 2. | Approval of Day's Agenda and Minutes from the June 22, 2007 Meeting | Kathy Rapp |
| 3: | Welcome from Cortland County | |
| 4. | Feature Presentation:
<i>Hope Lake Lodge Resort and Indoor Water Park</i> | <i>Jim Murphy
Al Kryger</i> |
| 5. | Development and Planning Activities in Cortland County | Linda Hartsock |
| 6. | Executive Director's Report | David Bottar |
| 7. | Old/New Business | Kathy Rapp |
| 8. | Adjournment | Kathy Rapp |

Members and quest are welcome to tour the Greek Peak Mountain Resort following the meeting.



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MINUTES
CNY RPDB Board Meeting
August 22, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Donald Chambers, Daniel Dineen, David Elleman, Linda Hartsock, Mark Lynch, Steve Lynch, Mary Messinger, Vijay Mital, James Murphy, James Rafte, Kathleen Rapp, Danny Ross, Clarence Rycraft, William Southern, Donald Spaulding, Rick Talbot, Walter Tennant, Stephen Zabriske

Guests: Erik Bitterbaum, President SUNY Cortland; Cortland County; Luann King, Senator Seward's Office; Allen Kryger, Hope Lake Investors; Barbara Lifton, NYS Assemblywoman; Karen McDonald, USDA; Robert Messinger, Representative of Congressman Arcuri; Sandy Price, Cortland County Legislator; Linda Smith, Legislative Aide to Assemblywoman Lifton; Bernie Thoma, Thoma Development; Mary Beth Wright, Town of Virgil;

Staff: Gerald Aloï, Kathleen Bertuch, David Bottar, Stephanie Harrington, Bruce Keplinger, Lisa Meaney, Mike Rosanio, Anne Saltman, Theresa Stephen

BUSINESS MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Kathleen Rapp called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. at Hope Lake at Virgil Town Park (and stated that a quorum was present).

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA/MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20th MEETING**

Chairwoman Rapp asked if Board members had any changes to the day's agenda and minutes from the June 20, 2007 meeting. Hearing no comments, Chairwoman Rapp asked for a motion to approve the day's agenda and minutes from the June 2007 meeting as presented, so moved by Donald Spaulding; seconded by Daniel Dineen; unanimous approval.

3. **WELCOME FROM CORTLAND COUNTY**

Board Member Danny Ross welcomed everyone to Cortland County; Supervisor for the Town of Virgil James Murphy thanked everyone for attending and began an introduction to the project. Mr. Murphy introduced Allen Kryger, President of Hope Lake Investors, LLC.

4. **FEATURE PRESENTATIONS**

Hope Lake Lodge Resort and Indoor Water Park

Mr. Kryger opened his presentation by giving a history of Greek Peak which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Mr. Kryger also mentioned that plans for what will now become the Hope Lake Lodge Resort and Indoor Waterpark, began 36 years ago.

Mr. Kryger went on to explain some of the challenges of obtaining funding for a project such as this and the fact that many financial institutions were unwilling to lend money since there was no demand for tourism in this area. Mr. Kryger explained that what Hope Lake Investors are doing is actually creating that demand.

Continuing with his presentation, Mr. Kryger explained that over the years, the entire Greek Peak area was studied for environmentally sensitive features and as a result a master plan was created. Additional land was acquired for Greek Peak's expansion as well.

Mr. Kryger went on to discuss plans for the hotel and highlighted the financing tools that Greek Peak has utilized to make this happen. The anticipated opening of the Hope Lake Lodge resort and Indoor Waterpark is slated to open in the summer of 2008.

5. **DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN CORTLAND COUNTY**

Linda Hartsock, Executive Director of Cortland County Business Development Corporation played a short DVD highlighting the benefits of small town living. She also gave a brief power point presentation highlighting the region's new marketing strategy which represents CNY as the Creative Core of NYS. Linda and her affiliates also just announced the release of the new regional "Creative Core" portal on the internet. www.creativecoreny.com is a "one stop shopping" web site that addresses all facets of the benefits of CNY life.

6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Bottar thanked everyone for coming to Cortland County and supporting the CNY RPDB. He mentioned that we had 18 Board members and 40 guests in attendance.

Mr. Bottar went on to state that the next Board meeting will be held on October 17, 2007 and the annual Board meeting will be held on December 12, 2007.

5. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no old or new business.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business to be brought before the Board, Chairwoman Rapp thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.