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AGENDA

August 19, 2009 Meeting
12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse
2 Broad Street
Pulaski, New York 13142

Chairwoman Kathleen Rapp, Presiding

1. Call to Order Kathleen Rapp

2. Approval of Day's Agenda and Minutes from the June 17, 2009 Meeting Kathleen Rapp

3. Welcome from Oswego County Barry Leemann
Barry Leemann, Chairman, Oswego County Legislature

4. Pulaski Community – An Historian's View Shawn Doyle
Shawn Doyle, Oswego County Legislator, 3rd District (Pulaski)

5. Town of Richard and Village of Pulaski Comprehensive Plan Jeanie Gleisner
Jeanie Gleisner, Senior Planner, CNY RPDB

6. Executive Director's Report David Bottar

7. Old / New Business Kathleen Rapp

8. Adjournment Kathleen Rapp



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MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Mary Ann Messinger, David Elleman, William Southern, Michael Treadwell, David Turner, Ann Petrus, Daniel Dineen, Walter Tennant, Morris Sorbello, John Kruk and Shawn Doyle.

Guests: Douglas Barclay- Pulaski, Linda Lockwood-Oswego County Legislator, Margaret Kastler-Oswego County Legislator, John DeHollander-Oswego County SWCD, Joe Dlugolenski-NYS DEC Region 7, Louella LeClair-Oswego County Legislator, John Proud-Oswego County Legislator, Selena Belser-Oswego County Weeklies, Ron Crandall-Town of Richland, Kern Yerdon-Town of Richland, Ernest Wheeler-Mayor, Village of Pulaski, Dr. Lewis Watson-Pulaski, Mildred Potter-Oswego County Legislator, Margaret Weigel-Pulaski, James Fayle-Empire State Development, and Paul Santore-Oswego County Legislator

Staff: David Bottar, Karen Novak, Kathleen Bertuch, David Kubek, Michael Rosanio, Jeanie Gleisner, Anne Saltman, Christopher Carrick, Bruce Keplinger and Theresa Stephen.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Kathleen Rapp called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m at the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse in Pulaski, New York.

2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA/ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

The first order of business was a review of the day's agenda and minutes from the June 17, 2009 meeting. A motion was introduced and seconded to accept the agenda and minutes as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

3. **WELCOME:**

Ms. Rapp introduced Morris Sorbello, Oswego County Legislator and member of the CNY RPDB.

Mr. Sorbello welcomed Board members and guests to Oswego County and the Pulaski community and noted his long term working relationship with the CNY RPDB. Mr. Sorbello recognized several county legislators and special guests in the audience including former Ambassador and NYS Senator H. Douglas Barclay. Mr. Morris recognized Oswego County Legislator and Board member Shawn Doyle and asked him to offer a few remarks.

Mr. Doyle welcomed everyone and noted he currently serves as legislator for the Pulaski area and is also the Town historian. Mr. Doyle noted the meeting today was being held in the oldest municipal building in Oswego County, built in 1860, which has been named in honor of Mr. Barclay. Mr. Doyle shared some of the history of the Courthouse, trials of note and well-known judges. He noted the Courthouse was refurbished and rededicated in 1987 and currently remains in use for court matters, county services, and town offices. Mr. Doyle concluded his remarks by noting several little known facts about the Town of Richland and Village of Pulaski and introduced local officials and members of the local comprehensive planning committee.

4. **PRESENTATION:**

Jeanie Gleisner, Senior Planner with the CNY RPDB, was introduced and asked to provide a presentation regarding work the agency is doing on the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the Town of Richland and Village of Pulaski.

Ms. Gleisner started her presentation by reviewing the six step process used by the CNY RPDB to develop a comprehensive plan for local communities. Ms. Gleisner noted that in the case of Pulaski and Richland this process includes:

- **Holding a series of community meetings and conducting a community survey** that allowed the committee members and the planners to learn about the community.
- **Collecting descriptive and prescriptive information.** Building on work completed in 2003, staff completed a detailed community inventory of physical, cultural, and economic assets. The RPDB also reviewed a number of prior and present planning documents and initiatives from a variety of sources. Staff also inventoried regional influences such as the Thousand Islands, the community's proximity to other cities and the Port of Oswego, the Salmon River Fish Hatchery, Fort Drum, energy resources, interstate highway, rail, and air service.

- **Analyze all information.** A detailed analysis of the information gathered from the community meetings and inventory is used as the next step in the planning process to highlight key issues and challenges confronting a community.

- **Set goals and recommendations.** Using information gathered from the previous work, staff assist the community with the development of a series of goals and recommendations that can be incorporated into a comprehensive plan. In the case of Pulaski and Richland, these focus areas included:
 1. Community Revitalization
 2. Economic Development
 3. Natural & Cultural Resource Protection
 4. Development of Gateways & Recreational Corridors
 5. Protection & Enhancement of the Hamlets, and
 6. Promotion of Good Governance

- **Implementation.** Presentation of this plan to the community, a review process and municipal adoption are the next steps in the comprehensive planning process.

- **Comparing the results of planning with its intentions, and making corresponding adjustments or revisions.** The plan should be considered an evolving document, serving as a resource to address changing goals.

In response to several questions from Board members and guests, Ms. Gleisner highlighted some of the key recommendations being incorporated into the plan. These recommendations focused on first steps or catalytic initiatives such as the development of gateways into the community, protection of recreational and scenic corridors, completion of a visitor's center at the Rt. 81 interchange, improved signage and wayfinding in the community, development of a four season recreation trail that links the Village with Port Ontario, downtown redevelopment, and protection of the community's historic character and natural resources.

At the conclusion of Ms. Gleisner's remarks, Mr. Doyle commented on the community's commitment to implementing the recommendations that are being incorporated into the plan. It was noted that a recent example of this commitment is the application that was recently submitted by the CNY RPDB on behalf of the Village of Pulaski for a \$1.4 million grant from the NYS RESTORE program. Mr. Doyle noted funds from this grant will be used to rehabilitate four key commercial buildings in the Pulaski business district.

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

David Bottar initiated his remarks by commending the work down by Mr. Doyle and other community leaders in the Town of Richland and Village of Pulaski's on the comprehensive plan. While commenting on this work, Mr. Bottar noted that the CNY RPDB has been involved in a wide range of projects in Oswego County over the past few years including economic development, environmental management, and alternative energy development.

Mr. Bottar noted the next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for September 16th and the next Board meeting is on October 21st. At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Bottar introduced Chris Carrick, Senior Energy Planner with the CNY RPDB, to offer a few comments regarding a recently announced NYSERDA program.

Chris Carrick noted that NYSERDA recently announced the availability of federal stimulus money through their office for grants up to \$30,000 to municipalities and non-profits to complete energy conservation feasibility studies to position municipalities to apply for implementation funds. Mr. Carrick indicated there is a deadline of March 15, 2010 for applications and that the funds are being allocated fairly quickly. Mr. Carrick said this is a perfect opportunity for NYSERDA to pick up 100% of the cost for an energy audit and the CNY RPDB will assist communities with the application process.

Mr. Carrick also noted the availability of federal Small Cities Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants in the amount of \$24 million through NYSERDA. The application deadline is in November. Once again, Mr. Carrick noted the availability of staff assistance for communities interested in applying for these funds

5. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new or old business.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was introduced and seconded to adjourn the meeting; the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David Elleman, Secretary