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## **CNY RPDB's ANNUAL MEETING**

**December 15, 2010**  
**12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.**

Doubletree Hotel  
Grand Ballroom  
6301 Route 298, East Syracuse, New York

### **AGENDA**

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| 1. | Welcome   | Kathleen Rapp     |
| 2. | Approval of Day's Agenda and<br>Minutes from the October 20, 2010 Meeting   | Kathleen Rapp     |
| 3. | Holiday Luncheon  |                   |
| 4. | Executive Director's Annual Report  | David Bottar      |
| 5. | Guest Presentation<br>-William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Geography and Director<br>of the Upstate Institute at Colgate University | Ellen Percy Kraly |
| 6. | Presentation of the Nominating Committee Report   | Kathleen Rapp     |
| 7. | Presentation of the Rhea Eckel Clark Citizenship Award  | Kathleen Rapp     |
| 8. | Old/New Business  | Kathleen Rapp     |
| 9. | Adjournment   | Kathleen Rapp     |



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## MINUTES

### CENTRAL NEW YORK REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

#### ANNUAL MEETING December 15, 2010

**DoubleTree Hotel**  
**6301 Route 298**  
**East Syracuse, New York**

#### ATTENDANCE

**Board Members:** Daniel Dineen, Shawn Doyle, David Elleman, Scott Ingmire, John Kruk, Barry Leemann, Stephen Lynch, Mary Ann Messinger, William Meyer, Roger Mills, Vijay Mital, James Murphy, Ann Petrus, Kathleen Rapp, Morris Sorbello, Donal Spaulding, Walter Tennant, L. Michael Treadwell, David Turner, Paul Vickery, Joseph Wisinski.

**Guests:** Susan Aimey, First Niagara; William Barclay, New York State Assembly; Mary Brown, Healthway; James Conlon, Town of Dewitt; John DeHollander, Onondaga Environmental Institute; Judy Fitzgerald, WCNY; Matthew Geitner, C & S Companies; Stephanie Harrington, NYS DEC; Barbara Henderson, CACDA; Kipp Hicks, Madison County IDA; Jason Hoy, Town of Van Buren; Don Jordan, Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency; Paul Legnetto, Onondaga County WEP; Vincent Lobdell, Healthway; David Miller, USDA; Dan Murphy, National Grid Company; Russ Nemecek, Onondaga County HD/Environmental Health; Louis Pettinelli, Barbara Rivette, Onondaga Co. EHC; Richard Robb, Town of Dewitt Director of Development & Operations; Mary Rowlands, Barton & Loguidice Engineers; Virginia Smith, US Small Business Administration; Claude Sykes, Town of Van Buren; Rosie Taravella, WCNY; David Tessier, Town of Manlius, Edmond Theobald, Town of Manlius; Andrew Zepp, Finger Lakes Land Trust

**Staff:** David Bottar, David Kubek, Anne Saltman, Kathleen Bertuch, Jeanie Gleisner, Kay Wakeman, Samuel Gordon, Christopher Carrick, Karen Novak, Brian Pincelli, Theresa Stephen, Bruce Keplinger and Mike Rosanio, James D'Agostino, Mario Colone, Aaron McKeon, Ashley DeForest, Elizabeth Hassett, Jason Deshaies, Kevin Kosakowski, Meghan Vitale, Michael Alexander, Helen Donaldson, Patricia Wortley, Sherry Keytack.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

##### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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Chairwoman Kathleen Rapp called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM at the Doubletree Hotel, East Syracuse, NY.

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

The first order of business was a review of the day's agenda and minutes from the October 20, 2010 meeting. A motion was introduced and seconded to accept the agenda and minutes as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Ms. Rapp invited everyone to enjoy the luncheon and indicated the formal meeting would resume shortly.

## **3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Following the luncheon, Executive Director David Bottar presented a report summarizing the CNY RPDB's activities and accomplishments in 2010.

Mr. Bottar opened his remarks by noting this was the CNY RPDB's 44<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and expressed his appreciation for the time everyone took to be in attendance. Mr. Bottar thanked board members for their support and guidance and staff for their ongoing work throughout the year. Mr. Bottar also recognized several colleagues who retired this year including Connie Maute, Tony Kolinski, Paul Miller, Meg Paskins, and Ken Mokrzycki.

In presenting his formal remarks, Mr. Bottar commented on several major developments that have impacted the region this past year. Projects highlighted include the one year anniversary of the opening of the Golisano Children's Hospital, the start of construction on St. Joseph Hospital's \$220M expansion, and \$750M of additional construction activity in Syracuse in the University Hill area. Mr. Bottar noted that Cayuga County is nearing completion of a major biodigester facility that will serve as a renewable energy source for their community. Also mentioned was approval of an intermunicipal agreement forming the Owasco Watershed Council as a means to help protect Owasco Lake. In Cortland County, reference was made to the recent announcement by Greek Peak Resort to undertake an \$11 M expansion of their four season resort. In Madison County, reference was made to Colgate University's building expansion project and efforts underway by the University to establish a renewable willow wood energy crop as a fuel source for its on-campus heating boiler facility. Also noted was a project underway by SUNY Morrisville and O'Brien and Gere Engineers to develop a high tech food production greenhouse on campus. Comments were also offered regarding a recent announcement by SUNY Oswego that contracts have been executed for construction of a \$42M academic science center and Sunoco Corp. success in putting into operation a major ethanol production company in Fulton that will use 12M bushels of corn annually from New York State.

Continuing with his remarks, Mr. Bottar noted that the Syracuse Creekwalk Project is progressing and Bristol Meyer Squib and Carrier Corp. have announced plans to use their former manufacturing centers as research campuses. In the City of Syracuse, reference was made to Bob Doucette's efforts to convert the former Dey's as a mixed use residential building. Regarding other news on the business front, Mr. Bottar noted recent reports about Lockheed Martin and Sensis Corp. competing for a major radar manufacturing contract. Other area news highlighted included a reference to former Westvale graduate General Keith Alexander, who has been appointed as commander of the U.S. Cyber Command to counter threats to the nation's computer

infrastructure, to Todd Zion, an ESM/Cornell graduate who recently sold his biotech company that invented a new type of insulin to Merck for \$500M, and to SUNY Cortland who hosted the New York Jets summer training camp again in the summer of 2010. Mr. Bottar noted that these announcements and events are all sources of pride for Central New York.

Other projects highlighted by Mr. Bottar that are currently under consideration in the region are the Onondaga Nation's project to establish globe-shaped greenhouses for a global agricultural facility, a summer music festival and urban arts district in the city of Auburn, green infrastructure projects in Oswasco Flats, and a study for the development of a biogas pipeline to serve the agricultural industry and a renewable energy park in Cayuga County. Mr. Bottar also mentioned a wind farm development in Cortland County, an agricultural and renewable energy park in Madison County, and the development of alternative agricultural crops in the region such as hops.

Mr. Bottar said that in Onondaga County the cleanup of Onondaga Lake is continuing with a Save the Rain and green infrastructure initiative. Also noted was construction of SU's Connective Corridor initiative and the WCNV broadcasting center in the Near Westside that will take place next year.

Mr. Bottar recognized the Port of Oswego plans to modernize its facilities and the City's plans to complete a brownfield redevelopment plan. In Pulaski, the Fulton Company's corporate headquarters are being constructed featuring a one-of-a-kind heating system. Also noted were several small solar projects being developed in the region and work being done in all five counties to complete a \$100M project to modernize the region's 911 emergency communications system.

Mr. Bottar said the CNY RPDB worked hard with many partners to implement a program of services that complement many of the formerly mentioned public and private initiatives. In commenting on this work, it was noted that the agency continued to focus its resources on several major program areas including community development, economic development, energy management, environmental management, information research and communication services, intergovernmental cooperation, and transportation planning.

Program accomplishments highlighted by Mr. Bottar included work completed on the Town of Richland/Village of Pulaski and Town of Scipio Comprehensive Plans, a \$1M grant that was secured for the Pulaski North Jefferson Street Revitalization Project, the start of construction on the \$4M Finger Lakes East Business Park, seven loans valued at \$750,000 that were made through the CNY Enterprise Development Fund, and ongoing work as the NYSERDA Energy Smart Communities Program Coordinator. Mr. Bottar also noted the agency was awarded an EPA Climate Energy Communities Showcase Grant that will be used to develop energy plans and energy demonstration projects in nine communities across Central New York and work with the Town of Dewitt to help this community develop an energy sustainability policy.

Also noted by Mr. Bottar was work being done with 30 communities as part of the intermunicipal stormwater management coalition, funding that has been obtained to undertake a municipal green infrastructure design demonstration program in five communities across the region, and work that was completed with representatives of the Onondaga Lake Partnership to

update the USACE Onondaga Lake Management Plan. Mr. Bottar completed his program review by referencing work that was done by the agency on behalf of the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council including work on I-81 corridor plan and public outreach program and a new initiative in the Town of Clay called the Three Rivers Commercial Transportation Access Study. Also noted were the agency's bi-monthly Board meetings and the topics that were discussed at these meetings including the Marcellus Shale, the SU Center of Excellence, and the Cayuga County biodigester project.

#### 4. PRESENTATION

Mr. Bottar introduced Professor Ellen Percy Kraly, the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Geography and Director of the Upstate Institute at Colgate University. It was noted that Professor Kraly has taught at the Colgate University since 1985 and she has directed the Upstate Institute since 2006, serving as the Associated Dean of Faculty, Director of the Division of University Studies, and chair of the Department of Geography. Professor Kraly is the University's representative to Imagining America, the past President of the Board of Directors of the Mohawk Valley Refugee Center, a member of the Central New York Community Foundation, and serves on the Cabinet of Freedom of the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum and the Central New York Adirondack Laboratory for Environmental Studies.

Professor Kraly thanked the Board for the opportunity to make a presentation at their annual meeting. Professor Kraly initiated her remarks by noting that Colgate University was founded in 1819 and is currently an undergraduate liberal arts college with a strong general education program. Professor Kraly noted that the Upstate Institute was launched in 2004 by the University as a means to create linkages between Colgate University and the community by engaging students, faculty, staff and residents in research and a reciprocal transfer of knowledge that will enhance the economic, social, and cultural capacity of the region. Professor Kraly noted that the Institute represents a model of community collaboration and civic engagement for our students and faculty in higher education that seeks to produce scholarship, create knowledge, and undertake creative acts that are about, for, and with upstate communities.

Professor Kraly noted that the Upstate Institute helps fund community based research projects focused on Upstate New York. Two examples of this work referenced by Professor Kraly include a study undertaken by Professor William Meyer a geographer, on the political ecology of the salt industry in Syracuse and a study of climate change on the heart tongues fern that was identified in 1805 and is highly concentrated in Syracuse and is on endangered species list.

Professor Kraly noted that Kipp Hicks is on the Institute's Community Advisory Board. The Institute typically funds 20 students for 10 week summer fellowships for student work in the community. As an example, it was noted that last summer one student worked with the Oneida Community Mansion House recording past residents' reflections on their life at the Mansion House and one student worked on a design for artist residents' apartments at the Mansion House. Other examples noted included a student who worked with the Madison County Department of Planning on gas lease identification in the form of a GIS map and a social marketing project where coffee and tea from Bangladesh and Uganda will be marketed throughout Madison County and profits will be returned to producers and to a charitable program in Madison County.

Professor Kraly said another strategy of the Upstate Institute is to create opportunities for dialogues on issues. For example, it was noted that the Institute will soon hold a symposium in cultural heritage tourism opportunities in Upstate New York and will also be hosting a program with the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees on a juried film festival on human rights and refugee resettlement.

Professor Kraly concluded her remarks by noting that the Upstate Institute recently reached an endowment goal of \$5.4M. In referencing this milestone, it was noted that this funding base will allow the Institute to operate its comprehensive program of activities on an ongoing basis for the foreseeable future.

Ms. Rapp thanked Professor Kraly for her presentation and commended the Upstate Institute on their work.

## **5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Regarding the next item on the agenda, Ms. Rapp noted that the Nominating Committee of Roger Mills, Jim Murphy, Scott Ingmire, Clarence Rycraft, and Paul Vickery voted unanimously at a meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to recommend the following slate of officers to serve the CNY RPDB for a one year term in 2011:

Chairman Walter Tenant, Cortland County

Vice Chair Ann Petrus, Cayuga County

Vice Chair James Rafté, Madison County

Vice Chair L. Michael Treadwell, Oswego County

Vice Chair William Meyer, Onondaga County

Secretary/Treasurer David Elleman, Onondaga County

A motion was introduced and seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Rapp then presented the Rhea Eckel Clark Citizenship Award. She said the award was established in honor of Rhea Eckel Clark who was a founding member of the regional planning board and an active member of the community. The award is recognition of someone in the community who has helped carry on the spirit of citizenship and service, promoting regional leadership, intergovernmental cooperation, civic participation, and community service.

Ms. Rapp announced the recipient of the award as Louis Pettinelli. Ms. Rapp noted that Mr. Pettinelli has committed a lifetime of service to the community. Born in Rome and a long time resident of Brewerton, it was noted that Mr. Pettinelli received a B.S. and Masters Degree in Physical Education from SUNY Cortland and that he was a teacher, coach and director of health and physical education at Central Square School District. Ms. Rapp went on to remark that following a lengthy tenure at Central Square, Mr. Pettinelli joined the Oswego BOCES where he

rose to the position of deputy superintendent and executive director of human resources before retirement in 2003. Ms. Rapp further commented that Mr. Pettinelli has served on the board of directors of Operation Oswego County, the Private Industry Council and Workforce Development Board, the Central New York Economic Development Council, the CNY RPDB and the COMCO Development Corporation. It was also noted that he was is a representative for the NYS Wrestling Officials Association on the NYS Public High School Official Coordinating Committee and that he has received numerous awards including the Martin Rose Economic Developer Award given out by Operation Oswego County and has been inducted into the NYS Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame and the Cortland State "C" Club Hall of Fame. Ms. Rapp noted that she is very proud to present the award to Mr. Pettinelli on behalf of the CNY RPDB.

Mr. Pettinelli took the podium and thanked the award committee and the Board for his award. He also thanked Mike Treadwell, Director of Operation Oswego County and Mr. Bottar for leadership of their organizations. Mr. Pettinelli noted that volunteers of these organizations are truly committed to improving the economic health and the quality life in the region and that he hoped his community service has contributed in some way to that end.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Rapp adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
David Elleman, Secretary