



Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board

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Kathleen A. Rapp, Chair

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CNY RPDB Meeting

May 5, 2016

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

126 N. Salina Street

Syracuse, New York 13202

(100 Clinton Square Building -Lower Level Conference Room)

AGENDA

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| 1. | Call to Order | Kathleen Rapp |
| 2. | Approval of Day's Agenda and
Minutes from the February 24, 2016 Meeting | Kathleen Rapp |
| 3. | CNY Bright Lights – Municipal LED Lighting Initiative
- Amanda Mazzoni, Senior Planner | Amanda Mazzoni |
| 4. | CNY Wetland Bank Feasibility Study
-Dan Spethmann, Ph.D., Managing Partner, Working Lands
Investment Partners, LLC | Dan Spethmann |
| 5. | Executive Director's Report
- June 22 nd Board Meeting in Oswego County
- 50 th Anniversary Celebration
- New Business Manager, Janet Neumann | David Bottar |
| 6. | Old/New Business | Kathleen Rapp |
| 7. | Adjournment | Kathleen Rapp |



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MINUTES

Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board Board of Directors Meeting May 5, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Cynthia Aikman, Keith Batman, Pamela Caraccioli, James Denkenberger, Dan Dineen, Shawn Doyle, Kevin Holmquist, Stephen Lynch, Andrew Maxwell; James Murphy, Paul Pinckney, Kathleen Rapp; Roy Reehil, Morris Sorbello, William Southern, David Turner and Stephen Zabriskie.

Guests: Dan Spethmann, Working Lands Investment Partners

Staff: David Bottar, Chris Carrick, Jeanie Gleisner, Bruce Keplinger, Karen Novak, Janet Neumann, Debbie Phillips, Anne Saltman, and Amanda Mazzoni.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kathleen Rapp called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm at the offices of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES

A motion was introduced and seconded to accept the agenda and minutes as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

3. CNY BRIGHT LIGHTS – MUNICIPAL LED LIGHTING INITIATIVE

Amanda Mazzoni was introduced and provided a summary of the agency's new CNY Bright Lights initiative; a program designed to provide technical assistance to municipalities in CNY that are interested in converting streetlights to LEDs. Ms. Mazzoni noted the benefits of LED streetlights, including reducing costs and emissions. Ms. Mazzoni also noted that most streetlights are utility owned and this has been a major barrier for a municipality to move forward with their conversions to LED. Utilities have been unwilling to convert to LED streetlights up until this point, forcing municipalities to purchase their lighting assets first if they are interested in converting to LED. Ms. Mazzoni explained the NYS LED Streetlights Act of 2015 includes provisions to make it easier for municipalities to purchase lighting assets from utilities so they can convert to LED. Ms. Mazzoni also explained National Grid's proposed utility-owned LED streetlight tariff that is under review by the Public Service Commission. It was noted that these

recent developments will make it easier for municipalities in our region and across the state to convert to LED streetlights. With all the changing and new information surrounding LED streetlights in NY, the CNY RPDB created the CNY Bright Lights program to help municipalities interested in converting to LED streetlights determine what opportunities are available to them.

4. CNY WETLAND BANK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Bottar noted that the agency also initiated work this year on a special study being supported by a NYSEDA grant to determine the feasibility of establishing a formal wetland banking program in Central New York. Mr. Bottar explained that a wetland bank is both a regulatory tool and physical asset designed to offset the adverse environmental effects of the permitted wetland filling that typical takes place in communities across the country. To help assess the feasibility of the program, Mr. Bottar noted the agency has hired Dan Spethmann, Managing Partner of the Working Lands Investment Partners.

Mr. Spethmann was introduced and proceeded to provide a powerpoint presentation highlighting the basic elements of a wetland banking program from a regulatory and physical development standpoint. Information was also provided about wetland banking programs which have been developed in various communities across the country and the support and guidance that is being provided by the Army Corp of Engineers. Mr. Spethmann noted that the feasibility study will include four major elements including a public outreach strategy, a comprehensive site inventory and analysis, preparation of a wetland banking prospectus, and development of a final wetland banking instrument. Reference was made in the presentation that each of these documents will be reviewed by a formal Mitigation Bank Review Team led by the USACE Buffalo District Office. Mr. Spethmann noted that work on the feasibility study is expected to be completed by June 2017. Following the presentation Board members asked several questions concerning the program concept and expressed concern about the development of such a program on rural communities and property owners in Central New York.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bottar noted that the next Board meeting will be held on June 22nd in the City of Oswego. The keynote speaker will be Jeff Gray, Superintendent of the NOAA Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Mr. Bottar also noted that the annual meeting is set to take place on October 28th at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown, formerly the Hotel Syracuse. Mr. Bottar also noted that this year marks the CNY RPDB's 50th anniversary and asked Board members for suggestions of ways to recognize this milestone in the months ahead. Mr. Bottar recognized and noted that Karen Novak is retiring after 16 years of service with the CNY RPDB and then introduced Janet Neumann as the agency's new Business Manager.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Murphy, Jr. Secretary