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Regulatory Programs Committee
June 15, 2012
Agency Meeting
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AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman
Richard Booth, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
Frank Mezzano, Member
William Thomas, Member
Jen McCormick, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development
Dierdre Scozzafava, Designee, NYS Department of State
Robert Stegemann, Designee, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Terry Martino, Executive Director

Mr. Monroe, Local Government Review Board was not present for the Agency meeting.

The Committee convened at 9:00 am.

1. Approval of May Draft Regulatory Programs Committee Minutes

On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Booth the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Minutes of the May 17, 2012 meeting.

2. Deputy Director (Regulatory Programs) Report (R. Weber)

Mr. Weber highlighted the Workload Summary Report.

Mr. Weber stated the preapplication process is a valuable tool to both staff and applicants. Mr. Weber discussed the JIF Supplement process between the Jurisdiction Division and Regulatory Programs Division.

Chairman Ulrich commented that the preapplication and JIF supplement processes being discussed should be reviewed with ATV and Local Government to see if their agencies are receiving any type of feedback from their constituents. Executive Martino stated the success of the ACE team (Action Coordination Efficiency) is a result of the divisions working together resulting in a more efficient Agency.

Mr. Weber highlighted several projects referenced in the High Profile Report.

3. 2012-59 (C. Parker)
Adirondack Meat Company
Peter and Denise Ward
Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County
Moderate Intensity Use

Ms. Parker welcomed Mr. Peter Ward to the Agency meeting.

She presented a power point presentation describing the proposed project site and location. She described the existing business located in the Ticonderoga Business Park adjacent to the proposed project site.

Ms. Parker described the proposed floor plan and noted an approval from the Town's Municipal Sewer and Water departments will be required prior to issuance of a local building permit. The Town will coordinate with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to evaluate and monitor the waste stream from the facility.

Ms. Parker stated that prior to operation, an approval ("Grant of Inspection") from the United States Department of Agricultural (USDA) will be required. A USDA inspector will have an office in the meat processing facility and slaughter operations cannot be conducted unless the inspector is present. The USDA inspector conducts carcass by carcass inspections, and verifies that the facility follows all food and safety and humane handling regulations.

She stated a maximum of 10 animals delivered per day and weekly collection of renderings and by-products by a licensed company will not result in significant traffic issues on State Route 74, or on Commerce Park Road. Ms. Parker noted the building is designed to process up to 50 animals per day if needed; however the applicant would need to come back to the Agency for an amended permit for the processing of more than 10 animals per day.

Mr. Kelleher discussed the potential economic impacts to the Park that could result from the proposed project.

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A brief discussion ensued regarding the proposed meat packing facility requirements to be USDA organic certified.

Mr. Kelleher stated the Essex County Industrial Development Agency has induced up to \$800,000 in small issuance, tax exempt bonds for the project and is exploring additional financing incentives such as sales tax exemptions, a mortgage-recording tax abatement, and a Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement.

Designee Robert Stegemann stated this proposed project also provides a market to enable farmers to remain in business and keep their land in "open space" uses and is therefore a sustainable business compatible with the Park.

Ms. Parker discussed the revisions to the draft permit.

Member Mezzano asked for a Committee vote to move the proposed project to Full Agency for approval.

Member Booth made the motion and the motion was seconded by Member Valentino.

The Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. Old Business: NO

5. New Business: NO

Adjournment: The Regulatory Committee meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

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Note: The power point presentations referred to herein are on file at the Agency. Copies are also available for inspection on request.