



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Terry Martino

FROM: Daniel F. Kelleher

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RE: Economic Services Unit Activities for October 2013

Unit activities were as follows:

Champlain Hudson Power Express Trust Governance Committee

On 10/23/13, staff attended a teleconference meeting of the Champlain Hudson Power Express Trust Governance Committee. The committee received an overview of potential banks to serve as the Trustee Bank and reviewed timetables for development of a Trust Agreement between the Trust and the Trust Administrator, the Hudson River Foundation. A Trust Agreement must be filed with the Department of Public Service by December 13th, 2013. A pro forma agreement was submitted to DPS on October 16th. The Agency serves on the Governance Committee for the Trust.

Rural Communities Broadband Conference

On 10/24/13, staff attended the Rural Communities Broadband Conference in Tupper Lake, Franklin County. The event was sponsored by ADKaction, the New York State Broadband Program Office, The Wild Center, and USDA Rural Development. Organized around a case study of potential broadband development in the Town of Minerva, Essex County, discussions included a progress report on the rollout of rural broadband in the North Country, rural success stories, and available funding for distance learning and community connect initiatives. Representatives of Slic Network Solutions, the Development Authority of the North Country, the New York State Broadband Office, and USDA Rural Development highlighted different services available to communities to assist in bringing broadband to their communities. An additional presentation provided an overview of internet training initiatives that can help people adopt broadband and use this resource.

New York Northern Forest Sustainable Economy Initiative (SEI) Steering Committee

On 10/25/13, staff attended a meeting of New York Northern Forest Sustainable Economy Initiative (SEI) Steering Committee in Blue Mountain Lake, Hamilton County. The meeting evaluated regional development successes and examined new challenges since the conclusion of the SEI in 2008. Members of the committee tracked successes in infrastructure and telecommunications expansion, regional marketing, working forest maintenance, and "buy local" initiatives.

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Adirondack Program

On 10/28/13, staff from the economic services and planning divisions presented to students participating in SUNY ESF's Adirondack Semester program. Topics included an overview of the Agency and APA Act, economic conditions of the Park, and criteria for State land classifications. Students in the program spend a semester at ESF's Newcomb facilities.

Planning Division Support

Staff is supporting the State Lands division in the State's review of the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor Unit Management Plan. If DOT & DEC decide to re-open and revise the existing UMP, APA would be an involved agency under SEQOR and the Agency Board would need to make a determination on consistency of a revised unit management plan with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

Economic Services staff is also supporting the State Lands division by providing an economic impact section for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the 2013 Finch Pruyn land classifications.

Regulatory Programs Support

Economic Services staff is supporting Regulatory Programs on several projects including a recreation facility in Warren County, a hotel in Essex County, a mine in Franklin County, two recreation facilities in Essex County, a railway in St. Lawrence County, and a mine in Oneida County,