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Approved

MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2009 7:00 PM

NYPA Visitor Center, Hawkins Point

Massena, New York

Action items in bold italics

1. **Call to Order:** Acting Chair Chris Rediehs called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
2. **Roll Call, Determination of Quorum:** A quorum was NOT initially present. A quorum was achieved at 7:40 PM.
Members present included: B. Flavin, A. Heidenreich, D. Howard, G. Johnson, L. Perry, C. Rediehs, L. Rudiger, P. Skomsky, B. Zimmerman.
Members absent included: D. Church, T. Cutter, R. Horst, D. Katz, D. O'Shea, J. Rosales, A. Soutar.
Staff: D. Russell; K. Zimmerman
Guests: Patrick Curran, Seaway Timber Harvesting/Curran Renewable Energy; Herbert Boyce, Northwoods Forest Consultants, LLC; Mike Reynolds, SUNY Potsdam
Press: Laura Bomyea, Courier Observer.
3. **Hearings, Comments from the Public:** G. Johnson introduced Mike Reynolds. Mike is a student at SUNY Potsdam.

C. Rediehs introduced Herbert Boyce of Northwoods Forest Consultants, LLC, and Patrick Curran of Seaway Timber Harvesting/Curran Renewable Energy. H. Boyce and P. Curran spoke about sustainable forestry and biomass. Discussion included:
 - The logging process.
 - Forest management.
 - The future of the local pellet plant.
 - Impact of the economy.
 - Importance of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification.
P. Curran left DVDs to be shared with all EMC members.
4. **Acceptance of Order of Business, Items for New Business, Items for Unfinished Business:**
The Order of Business was approved (by consensus).

EMC: Everybody Must Care!

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the April 15, 2009 Meeting:** The April meeting minutes were approved by consensus.
6. **Report by the Representative of the Board of Legislators (BOL):** L. Perry reported:
 - She reviewed information received Monday night on the impact of state budget cuts and the stimulus package.
 - Perry discussed her involvement with the St. Lawrence County Complete Count Committee for the 2010 Census.
 - Perry discussed progress the IT committee has made: creating the IT Department and the development of a strategic plan.
 - L. Rudiger asked if the EMC should be involved with the reallocation of the NYPA power that is available due to GM closing and Alcoa reducing their usage. L. Perry and K. Zimmerman explained how it is being handled by the Board of Legislators. After a brief discussion it was decided that the EMC does not have to be involved at this time. B. Zimmerman asked about the process for the new ethics policy. After discussion K. Zimmerman asked D. Russell to copy information on the current proposed ethics law and the public hearing to the EMC members.
7. **Reports by EMC Members on Conversations with County Legislators:**
 - Howard reported that she spoke at the BOL Finance Committee regarding areas in the county forest that need replanting because of poor forest stock.
8. **Report of the Committees:**
 - a. **Executive** – D. Katz. No report.
 - b. **Education** – R. Horst. No report.
 - c. **Natural Resources** – A. Heidenreich. No report.
 - d. **NYSAEMC** – No report.
9. **Report of the Staff:** K. Zimmerman reported:
 - The Household Hazardous Waste collection day in Gouverneur served approximately 200 cars.
 - Heidi Ames had twin girls on May 1st.
 - Matilda Larson will return on June 1st.
 - The Gouverneur bus run is scheduled to start on June 1st, Gouverneur to Watertown 6 days per week.
10. **Unfinished Business:** None.
11. **New Business:** None
12. **Announcements:** K. Zimmerman received an invitation for the EMC to meet next month in Star Lake. There would be a tour of the former J&L facility at 6:00 PM to be followed by the regular meeting.

13. **Message to Board of Legislators:** D. Howard asked everyone to thank their legislator for funding the Household Hazardous Waste collection. She reported that many residents expressed appreciation for having the household hazardous waste collection and asked where the funding came from.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Minutes prepared by D. Russell

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