

CHENANGO COUNTY PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2017
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
Paul Thomsen George Seneck, Sup. Bruce Beadle Tom Grace, Sup. Sally Chirlin Michael Flanagan	Alex Larsen Bob Davis Chris Lyons Ted Guinn Perry Owen	Donna Jones, Director Shane Butler, Sr. Planner Rena Doing, Planner	Stephen Palmatier William Wagner Canice Paliotta Kenneth Fogarty Heriberto Rodriguez	Paul Romahn

Chairman Thomsen called the monthly County Planning Board meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

Old Business:

Planning Board Minutes:

Mr. Guinn motioned to approve the December 13, 2016 minutes; second by Sup. Seneck. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

Sup. Seneck motioned to approve the December 13, 2016 239 minutes; second by Mr. Owen. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

New Business:

Mr. Butler introduced guest speaker Mr. William Wagner, Director of Mobility Management of South Central New York (MMSCNY).

Mr. Wagner provided a handout outlining the innovative programs provided by MMSCNY for rural residents to access transportation. The programs include:

- **“The GetThere”** Call Center is available Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **“Connection to Care”** a non-emergency, non-Medicaid medical transportation service serving a major void in rural areas. This program offers individuals funding assistance with the ability to share in cost or not. The individual is not required to provide documentation for assistance, it is based on trust. Medical appointments are confirmed and the applicant, depending on their case may receive: volunteer services, assistance with public transportation, fuel cards, or Commercial private transportation (Cabs, Ambulette). The program is capped at \$500 a year for individuals not eligible for Medicaid. This provides a resource to assist individuals in attending their medical appointments. The RSVP volunteer program is no longer active in Chenango County, however active volunteer groups are compensated for mileage, at the federal rate, provided assistance with insurance, and compensation to the volunteer groups in addition to recruiting assistance. MMSCNY Medical Assistance Center also provides guidance on using the programs by determining financial assistance or referral to other programs. MMSCNY continues to encourage foundations, businesses, and medical organizations to support this program that assists individuals in keeping their medical appointments. This concept not only benefits the health of the individual but all agencies involved, employer, physician, medical center, etc.
- **Travel Training education**, an Easter Seal certified program, is growing. The program assists individuals with one on one trip assistance or small groups of individuals not familiar or comfortable with using Public Transportation. The goal is to move individuals toward utilizing services that may be in their area, for example services like UBER (this would be limited to mobile patients as UBER is not required to meet ADA requirements) and the LIFT Program. Senior Centers are training individuals on bus use through Federal 5310 & 5311 funding. Tioga County has secured funds and shares with five (5)

surrounding counties. United Way and additional grant programs provide additional funds for the various programs.

- **Transportation Coordination** in South Central NY consists of establishing a primary site in each of the member Counties to make assessments and referrals promoting the programs offered.
- **Data Collection** for the “Connection Care” program July 2015-June 2016 provided services to 200 individuals; covered 86,104 miles at an average cost of \$.45 per mile.
- **Alternative Transportation Development and Promotion.** The 511 Ride Share program is not well known, not utilized or promoted. A proposed alternative currently being considered, in conjunction with Raymond Corporation, is a “Van Pool” program. A responsible driver will be assigned responsibility of a van. This will entail keeping the van at their home, maintaining the vehicle, picking up and dropping off employees in the program. During the employees work shift the driver will be available to transport individuals, in the immediate area, to appointments. Van Pooling is also under consideration at two companies in the Town of Columbus, Chobani and Golden Artists.
- **Future Projects for Chenango County:** Secure Vans for Rural Mobility Project; Continued “Connection to Care”; Develop an inventory of what is available in the County; Prepare a Coordinated Transportation Plan, possibly with First Transit; Review Tioga County Feasibility Study-concept of a “Public” UBER program.
- **Future Goals:** Increase Federal Transportation leveraged funds; Leverage Local and Foundation funding; Establish a Transportation Planning Committee; Develop Alternative or Supplemental Public Transit; and Increase Chenango County Transportation Options.

Discussion:

Mr. Owen questioned when a volunteer uses their personal vehicle: How this affects their **insurance**? Carriers do provide Volunteer Group Insurance, however there may still be some exposure to personal insurance; **Waiting time** at a facility? A case by case issue. Consideration for lengthy visits may be one individual deliver the patient, another pick up. **Physically assisting** the patient? Driver should be capable of assisting, if mobility assistance is needed. Important to match volunteer with individual; Is there a **Tax benefit**? No income to be reported for Federal mileage compensation, write off cost of car repairs, maintenance, etc. may be options.

Mr. Davis questioned what agencies are involved in surrounding counties? Tioga County “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”; Delaware County and Otsego Counties utilize the “County Office of the Aging”, which offers limited services.

Mr. Wagner added Lourdes Hospital started the “Connection to Care” program with grant funds. It was not specific to Lourdes patients only. United Health Services (UHS) has contributed to the “Connection to Care” program. By law Health Care facilities cannot legally operate a transportation program but are allowed to support a program.

Sup. Grace questioned where Chenango County ranked in need of these services? Mr. Wagner stated Chenango is probably at the top of the list. Many patients have appointments out of the area, Syracuse, Utica, Binghamton and Cooperstown with limited or no access to transportation.

Ms. Chirlin commented that in addition to transportation problems, communication services such as cellphone/internet service, is not always available or reliable.

Consultant’s Report:

Mr. Palmatier provided a brief overview of the following:

- The Broadband study prepared for the County has several inaccuracies that require clarification.

- Local companies such as Norwich Pharmacal, Sheffield Products, and Chenango Memorial Hospital, etc. with laboratory facilities will be hiring ~ 100 Laboratory Technicians and Chemists in the next few years. Cornell is preparing a Certification Program to assist in filling some of these positions.

Privilege of the Floor:

Sup. Grace questioned if a copy of the Broadband Study is available to the Public? Mr. Palmatier stated a redacted copy, protecting privileged data, is available but as stated there are errors that should be addressed. He would recommend, as member of the Board of Supervisors he discuss this with the County Attorney.

Mr. Beadle commented on the proposed Slaughterhouse Project in the Town of Sherburne. The County Comprehensive Plan emphasizes “Impact and Quality of Life” on the human environment and he feels this should not be overlooked when reviewing this proposed project. **Ms. Jones** interjected the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan addresses a need for a Meat Packing Plant in the County. Discussion continued relating to NYS Regulations, SEQRA, and Sherburne Site Plan Review Law. **Mr. Beadle** did not feel this should be a “Black and White” decision, following totally the letter of the Site Plan regulations but more of a “Gray” area. **Mr. Owen** commented on the NYRI issue many years ago and how this was a “Gray” area. **Mr. Flanagan** commented on SEQRA law and how it is not meant to prevent private property owners from developing land, etc. At this point, in the approval process at the Town level, many requirements are still required to meet all the regulations. It is important to follow Planning requirements to be unbiased and follow all regulations in the decision process.

With no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rena M. Doing, Planner.

CHENANGO COUNTY PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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February 14, 2017
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
Paul Thomsen George Seneck, Sup. Bruce Beadle Tom Grace, Sup. Sally Chirlin Michael Flanagan	Bob Davis Chris Lyons Ted Guinn Perry Owen Paul Romahn	Donna Jones, Director Shane Butler, Sr. Planner Rena Doing, Planner	Canice Paliotta Kenneth Fogarty Heriberto Rodriguez Karol Kucinski	Alex Larsen

2017 Annual Organizational Meeting:

Ms. Chirlin motioned to appoint Donna Jones as temporary Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Romahn. Members voted all ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Jones called the Annual Organizational meeting to order at 8:17 a.m. requesting nominations for officers of the 2017 County Planning Board and County 239 Review Committee.

Ms. Chirlin nominated Paul Thomsen as Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Romahn. Voted all ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Chirlin nominated Paul Romahn as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Sup. Seneck. Voted all ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Chirlin nominated Perry Owen as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Romahn. Voted all ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Chirlin nominated Ted Guinn as Chairperson of the 239 Review Committee, seconded by Mr. Romahn. Voted all ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Chirlin nominated Bruce Beadle as Vice Chairperson of the 239 Review Committee, seconded by Mr. Romahn. Voted all ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Jones closed the Annual Organizational Meeting at 8:21 a.m.

Chairman Thomsen called the monthly County Planning Board meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

Old Business:

Planning Board Minutes:

Mr. Guinn motioned to approve the January 10, 2017 minutes; second by Sup. Seneck. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

Mr. Guinn motioned to approve the January 10, 2017 239 minutes; second by Mr. Owen. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

New Business:

Comprehensive Plan:

Ms. Jones discussed the guidelines and approval of the Chenango County Comprehensive Plan. The plan was approved by the County Board of Supervisors, at the July 11, 2016 meeting, with the stipulation comments from the public would be reviewed by the County Planning Board at their annual February meeting with the prospect of submitting any additions or corrections to the County Planning Committee at the May Planning Committee meeting. If Planning Committee proposes acceptance of additions/corrections to the County Comprehensive Plan they will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors for a final decision on including changes to the County Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Guinn questioned if additions and/or corrections to the County Comprehensive Plan will require a SEQR. Ms. Jones stated this is dependent on the proposed change to the plan if they may or may not require a SEQR. The General Rule requiring a SEQR is when a project is proposed.

General Discussion:

Ms. Paliotta expressed concerns relating to a Broadband grant funding that was discussed at the County Board of Supervisors meeting, February 13, 2017. Ms. Jones explained how the grant process would work, relating to Broadband funding. The Broadband Company would submit grant applications and the public would work with the company.

At this time the County is working with Broadband Companies interested in expanding in the County and studying options to provide optimum coverage.

Mr. Fogarty commented the Town of Caroline, in Tompkins County NY, has established a committee to address Broadband issues. He expressed the importance of keeping the public advised of new information.

Mr. Fogarty questioned if the County provides funds for expansion of Broadband would this affect his property assessment? Ms. Jones stated this may be a question for the Assessor but the general consensus is payment for an upgrade or access to service would be similar to accessing a utility, such as NYSE&G, or Communication Company that expands their service for better customer service, it is billed to the recipient when they opt to connect or utilize an upgrade in service.

Mr. Fogarty also commented on a proposed Solar Farm on property bordering the Towns of Bainbridge and Guilford. This project when complete would potentially provide power to 50+ homes. This is still in the early phase of development and questions remain if there would be net metering, etc. Mr. Flanagan commented the various projects he has been involved in relating to Community Solar Projects, credit is received from the local electric provider.

Privilege of the Floor:

Sup. Grace commented the owner of the Columbus Hotel, in the T. Columbus, is considering remodeling and reopening the facility. The owner has expressed interest in accessing funds from the County Revolving Loan Fund to assist in the cost of the project. Sup. Grace also commented the former Town Hall building purchased by Mr. Huot will be converted to the “Caroline Kinne Memorial Museum” in memory of his late wife,

Mr. Beadle stated 2016 Real Estate sales were up in the area. Prospect of it continuing in 2017 looks favorable especially for mid-priced First Time homebuyer sales. This is a positive sign for the area. Ms. Jones commented on the availability of a First Time Home Buyer program administered by Opportunities for Chenango.

Mr. Davis stated NYSERDA goals to “Build a clean, resilient, and affordable energy system for NYS” should be included in the County Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Guinn stated he will be meeting with a representative relating to a potential Solar Farm in the Town of Norwich. Mr. Flanagan commented he would be available to assist with any questions, if the Town requested.

With no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rena M. Doing, Planner.

CHENANGO COUNTY PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2017
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
Paul Thomsen George Seneck, Sup. Bruce Beadle Tom Grace, Sup. Sally Chirlin	Chris Lyons Ted Guinn Perry Owen Paul Romahn	Donna Jones, Director Shane Butler, Sr. Planner Rena Doing, Planner	Canice Paliotta Kenneth Fogarty Heriberto Rodriguez Karol Kucinski Miby Kim Ruth Tompkins	Alex Larsen Michael Flanagan Bob Davis

Chairman Thomsen called the monthly County Planning Board meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Old Business:

Planning Board Minutes:

Mr. Guinn motioned to approve the February 14, 2017 minutes; second by Sup. Seneck. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

Mr. Owen motioned to approve the February 14, 2017 239 minutes; second by Sup. Seneck. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

Due to a major snow storm closing the County on March 14, 2017, there was no County Planning Board meeting.

New Business:

Comprehensive Plan:

Ms. Jones discussed the update of the Comprehensive Plan. Several comments have been submitted by the public for review and approval. Mr. Fogarty has been offering information relating to renewable energy issues. The comments will be submitted and discussed at the County Planning Committee meeting in May for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Upon approval an addendum will be added to the County Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Tompkins questioned if the letters from NYS Senator Akshar and Assemblyman Crouch, supporting Broadband in Chenango County, will be included in the County Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Jones stated they will be included.

Ms. Jones commented on the Planning/Zoning Board training scheduled, May 25, 2017, at Norwich SUNY Morrisville, 4:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m. She requested all County Planning Board members remind their respective Planning Board members to attend.

General Discussion:

Discussion by Planning Board members and guests focused on the need and support of expanding the availability of Broadband service in Chenango County.

- Ms. Tompkins expressed concern about applying for the Phase III Broadband grant, due August 15, 2017, and the County or a Broadband company needs to be proactive about applying for funds.
- Mr. Palmatier assured Ms. Tompkins he has been corresponding with various private telecommunication companies seeking their support and consideration to expand or upgrade Broadband service into the under

and unserved areas in Chenango County. Unfortunately many companies are not interested in applying for grant funds as the process is often too cumbersome and time consuming.

- Discussion relating to the County partnering with a telecommunication company. The County is not in a position to handle billing etc. The Villages of Sherburne and Greene have municipal electric and there could be a possibility they would consider expanding their service to include Broadband.
- Ms. Tompkins and Mr. Fogarty commented that several Counties in NYS have been supporting the expansion of Broadband.
- Sup. Grace questioned if Frontier Communications had partnered with other areas. He was aware Frontier had applied for grant funds and built out service to five (5) towns in Chenango County, including the Town of Columbus.
- Comments were made about several small businesses that would like to locate to Chenango County, away from the larger cities and operate their business remotely, but service is too poor or not available. Mr. Lyons voiced concern that it is equally important to support and keep our large businesses in the area. Issues like high taxes and increased regulations from NYS too often discourage larger businesses from staying in NYS resulting in loss of many jobs.
- Mr. Owen commented it is important for Frontier and Spectrum to develop a 5 year plan to move forward with the upgrade of their services.

Consultant's Report:

Mr. Palmatier provided an update on the Entrepreneur programs. There are numerous job opportunities in Chenango County but limited numbers of trained individuals to fill these positions. Mr. Palmatier has been working with PharmAssist, Kerry Bio Science, and Norwich Pharmaceutical developing online training modules to train potential employees to fill positions in their respective companies. In the next few years there will be a great need for biologists and lab technicians.

Another goal is to establish a summer training program, in partnership with SUNY Morrisville, for area Science teachers to encourage and work with their students on utilizing the module training programs.

With no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rena M. Doing, Planner.

CHENANGO COUNTY PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2017
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
Paul Thomsen George Seneck, Sup. Tom Grace, Sup. Sally Chirlin Ted Guinn Perry Owen	Paul Romahn Alex Larsen Michael Flanagan Bob Davis	Donna Jones, Director Shane Butler, Sr. Planner Rena Doing, Planner	Canice Paliotta Kenneth Fogarty Heriberto Rodriguez Debra Cubbedge	Chris Lyons Bruce Beadle

Chairman Thomsen called the monthly County Planning Board meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

Old Business:

Planning Board Minutes:

Sup. Seneck motioned to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes; second by Mr. Guinn. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

Mr. Romahn motioned to approve the April 11, 2017 239 minutes; second by Mr. Owen. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

New Business:

Comprehensive Plan:

Ms. Jones discussed the update of the Comprehensive Plan. The addendums to the Comprehensive Plan and the responses to public hearing comments were handed out to members. Ms. Jones will be presenting them to the Planning & Economic Development (P&ED) Committee where she hopes they will take them home to review them and make any changes before approving them at the June meeting.

Mr. Dreyer expressed his suggestions regarding Camp Pharsalia. The facility is vacant but currently overseen by the NYS Office of General Services. He spoke to the head forester and received an email which he read. NYS sees the facility as out of sight, out of mind, even though it is a substantial asset. The buildings are still there and seemingly in good shape. The State should do an assessment or let the County do it.

Ms. Jones read the response to his comment at the Public Hearing. She asked Mr. Dreyer for copies of his information for review. The Planning Board can review the information and make suggestions to the P&ED Committee who would forward to the Board.

Mr. Guinn asked if the addendums would require an updated SEQR. Ms. Jones asked NYSDOS and as long as there are no major changes it would not require a new SEQR.

Mr. Owen asked what the steps would be for Camp Pharsalia if NYS gave it to Chenango County. He asked if realtors could bid on it. Mr. Dreyer stated he is not advocating for the facility to be handed over to Chenango County. It is up to the State to do something but the County should urge them on.

Sup. Seneck stated NYS passed legislation regarding “zombie properties” as it pertains to banks. The municipalities are responsible for other properties and paying for demolition. The Town of Guilford has been active in doing this. The question is what happens to properties where banks do not own them. 15% of the zombie properties in Guilford are bank owned. The town ends up taking the owners to court and it is a long process with 6

month deadlines commonly being extended. Mr. Dreyer stated it sounds like the legislation was written by the banks.

Mr. Palmatier asked how many were bank owned properties in Chenango County. Banks aren't always the problem. Absentee owners are at fault too. A better study of the abandoned and tax sale properties needs to be done. Mr. Dreyer stated there are 50 in the City of Norwich. The City has been proactive in trying to get these properties back on the rolls.

Sup. Grace suggested assessing properties higher if they are abandoned or dilapidated. Ms. Jones suggested changing the mentality. Many people think they will be assessed more for fixing up or painting their property.

Consultant's Report:

Mr. Palmatier discussed the following:

- He has been in contact with seven companies in regards to broadband. The NYS Broadband Initiative doesn't work well. He attended the public hearing in Afton. He plans to comment on the process.
- Gary Marx, a futurist, will be presenting at the Oxford School on Thursday, May 11th.
- The Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Council will be sponsoring a summer camp for 8th and 9th graders at SUNY Morrisville. They will learn about entrepreneurship.
- There will be a "TED talks" session, a nonprofit program devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful **talks**, in Oneonta.
- He is continuing to work with DCMOBOCES on offering an advanced manufacturing program. He plans to attend the Eastec Show.

Ms. Paliotta suggested letting Mr. Rodriguez record the broadband meetings because they are informational. Mr. Palmatier stated overviews of the meetings have been typed up and will be presented to the P&ED Committee later today.

Sup. Seneck stated it may be beneficial to have the Broadband companies come to the P&ED Committee meetings. Mr. Palmatier expressed concern about the length of the meetings.

Sup. Grace asked if we have applied for Round III of the NYS Broadband Initiative grant. Mr. Palmatier stated the County isn't the entity to apply for the grant because it has to be a private partnership. Funding is based on Census blocks which make it very difficult. Round II funds were awarded to Deposit Telephone Company for Chenango County where they are building some lines in Afton and Bainbridge primarily along the main corridors, NYS Route 7.

Mr. Palmatier added he had discussed a Microwave antennae system with Frontier but they do not appear to be interested in that technology. Mr. Palmatier stated he supports the Plexicomm antenna system as more effective for rural areas.

Ms. Chirlin provided a copy of a letter written by Ruth Tompkins, to the Board of Chenango County Supervisors, voicing concerns about the lack of adequate access to broadband in Chenango County.

With no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Shane Butler, Sr. Planner.

CHENANGO COUNTY PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2017
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

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Paul Thomsen George Seneck, Sup. Tom Grace, Sup. Sally Chirlin Ted Guinn Perry Owen	Paul Romahn Alex Larsen Michael Flanagan Bob Davis Bruce Beadle	Donna Jones, Director Shane Butler, Sr. Planner Rena Doing, Planner	Canice Paliotta Kenneth Fogarty Heriberto Rodriguez	Chris Lyons

Chairman Thomsen called the monthly County Planning Board meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Old Business:

Planning Board Minutes:

Sup. Seneck motioned to approve the May 9, 2017 minutes; second by Mr. Guinn. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

Mr. Romahn motioned to approve the May 9, 2017 239 minutes; second by Mr. Owen. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

New Business:

Ms. Jones commented on the recent Article 78 filed by the Chenango Valley School District, in Broome County, challenging the Town of Fenton Zoning and Planning Board and NG Advantage Co., on the lack of submission of a safety or evacuation plan for the proposed NG Advantage Natural Gas Compressor station project, prior to the Town’s approval. Ms. Jones stated this is an example of the importance of Planning and Zoning Boards to thoroughly review all required aspects of a project before approving a Site Plan or Zoning related project.

Consultant’s Report:

Mr. Palmatier discussed the following:

- The Workforce Development program continues to be a success at the Corning plant in Oneonta.
- SUNY Morrisville is considering expanding the Workforce Development program to include a mobile unit, a stocked van, to travel to various business locations for the purpose of training. Ms. Jones commented this type of project would qualify for an ARC grant if a company was interested.
- The NYSDOS coordinated the recent International Visitors Program with representatives from various European countries visiting Chenango County. During their visit they attended an Agriculture program presented by students at the Unadilla Valley School District. The guests were treated to lunch at the “Wild Owl” in Norwich. The lunch included locally grown Chenango County products.
- The Analytical Chemistry program offered at the Oxford School District has been successful.
- There is continued communication with Plexicomm relating to the potential of expanding Broadband service in the County.

Ms. Chirlin questioned if DCMO-BOCES has an Agriculture program. Mr. Butler commented the DCMO-BOCES program is a Conservation Program. Presently the only School Districts with Agriculture Programs are: Unadilla-Valley School, Otselic Valley School, Sidney Central School, and Afton School. Bainbridge-Guilford and Sherburne Central School Districts are considering adopting an Agriculture program.

Discussion:

Ms. Jones commented the County Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution supporting expanding Broadband service in the County. Mr. Fogarty questioned if ARC funds could be used for the proposed expansions. Ms. Jones stated Broadband projects would not be eligible.

Ms. Chirlin commented she had recently attended a meeting of the Broadband group and was pleased Supervisor Wansor, T. No. Norwich had attended.

Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Fogarty commented they were pleased the County Board of Supervisors passed the Broadband Letters of Support Resolution.

Ms. Paliotta thanked everyone for their continued support to expand Broadband Service in the County.

Mr. Beadle commented on the recent statement by Gov. Walker, Wisconsin, relating to the lack of skilled workers in the United States and the need for training further emphasizing the importance of the Workforce Development Program initiated by Mr. Palmatier and the Corning Co.

Supervisor Grace commented the Chobani plant in the T. Columbus was seeking a 36% reduction of their property assessment. It is his understanding Chobani has made a similar request for a decrease of their property assessment in the T. Norwich. T. Columbus offered a minimal lower of the assessed value on Grievance Day. The T. Columbus would not experience a major impact from the lower assessment but it will affect the Pilot for County and School Districts that serve the T. Columbus.

Mr. Owen questioned if growing industrial Hemp is being discussed in the Ag. Programs? He also stressed the importance of Apprentice Certificate programs to address the lack of skilled workers.

Mr. Davis commented on the success of ARC grant funded programs he has been involved in. It is a very good funding source. The 50% match can include In-Kind service. Mr. Davis will be applying for ARC funds to support construction of a walking bridge project, in the Highbridge Rd. area, T. Guilford.

Supervisor Seneck recently spoke to our NYS Representative about the lack of and poor quality of Internet service in the T. Guilford. The NYS Rep. advised him Frontier Communications has a 2018 target date to build out fiber optic service in the T. Guilford area @ a cost of ~ \$172,000.00 for 5 miles of fiber. The FCC regulates Internet Service.

Ms. Chirlin commented on the positive aspect of expanding the Lt. Warren Eaton Airport in the T. N. Norwich. She is also encouraged by the success of the programs Mr. Palmatier has initiated.

Ms. Jones commented on the recent Distinguished Visitors Day for the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Engineering program which is currently updating the Chenango County Fairground facility. Representatives from the offices of: Governor Cuomo, U.S. Congresswoman Tenney and U.S Senator Gillibrand attended the luncheon providing an opportunity and resource to discuss concerns and problems in Chenango County.

With no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.

CHENANGO COUNTY PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2017
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

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Old Business:

Planning Board Minutes:

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Mr. Romahn motioned to approve the June 13, 2017 239 minutes; second by Mr. Owen. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

New Business:

Ms. Jones commented:

- To date ARC Grant applications have been received from: SUNY Morrisville, \$150,000 request for Norwich Child & Family Center; Oxford Academy Central School, \$35,000 request for a Regional Labor Need Assessment Program; Town of Guilford, \$14,168 request for the Guilford Historic Bridge Project; and Oxford Academy Central School, \$30,000 request for a ROBO Rave Project.
- The Military Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) engineering staff nearly completed the Chenango County Fairground project before leaving last week. The IRT staff encountered major structural problems with the 100+ year old grandstand. Concrete footers were poured around the entire perimeter of the grandstand with additional bracing installed. The remaining grandstand siding and contracted work will be completed by a local contractor.
- Mr. Guinn asked about the status of the updated County Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Jones stated she is waiting for the Planning Committee to review the updates.
- Mr. Thomsen questioned if there is any additional information relating to the Article 78 filed by the Chenango Valley School District, in Broome County, challenging the Town of Fenton Zoning and Planning Board and NG Advantage Co. Mr. Guinn stated it was on the news that NG Advantage Co. has offered to take anyone interested to their facility in New Hampshire to better understand the operations and safety measures for the proposed Town of Fenton project.

Consultant's Report:

Mr. Palmatier discussed the following:

- The Workforce Development program has been a success at the Corning plant in Oneonta.
- SUNY Morrisville has available \$350,000 in their Performance Improvement Fund. The Workforce Development program, in conjunction with SUNY Morrisville, will be submitting an application for funds to develop a Worksite Training program which would include purchase of a ¾ ton van to be

equipped with equipment to travel to various advanced manufacturing companies for the purpose of training employees, modeled after the recent Corning project at their Oneonta facility. The application will be submitted by July 13, 2017 with possible funding awards in early fall. The proposed program will include Health and Human Services training for Springbrook staff/residents.

- On July 10, 2017 a meeting with representatives from DCMO BOCES, Dept. of Social Services and Dept. of Labor discussed grant opportunities to support pathways to upgrade skills of the difficult to place worker and the working poor. Training Modules have been developed and are available at a discount or no charge. DCMO BOCES has \$178,750 available to develop and support the proposed program.
- Summer Institute- SUNY Morrisville Campus is offering an “Exploring Nature” program for 6-8 grade students.
- CDO Workforce STEM Council is sponsoring a summer camp program, with space for 30+ K-High School students interested in developing career pathways. School Districts will provide transportation for participating students.
- Oxford School District will gradually be developing courses and entrepreneurship competitions for K-High School students similar to the ROBO Rave competitions. These programs will develop coding skills essential in manufacturing and numerous professions where tracking real time is a valuable component of doing business.
- Broadband: There is continued communication with Plexicomm, LLC, a company interested in expanding Broadband in Chenango County rural areas. A Letter of Support was requested which Mr. Palmatier provided on behalf of his business “Walking Ridge Development, LLC”, in addition to offering up to 60 hours of his time to assist where needed. There has also been communication with another company based in California, “IWN Enable Farming Beyond”. IWN utilizes antennae developed around military technology, not limited to line of site. This technology has been deployed worldwide. Finger Lakes Technology has suggested they may be moving toward satellite technology. Finger Lakes also has plans to build out their fiber optic lines, primarily to businesses, along NYS Rte. 80 E to Columbus continuing south along NYS 8 to NYS 23 in So. New Berlin. If a Deep Space Antenna (DSA) system is attached it could add coverage to individuals.

General Discussion:

- Ms. Chirlin questioned the County’s position. Mr. Palmatier stated the Round III proposal is very limited and based on census tracts in the towns of: Preston, McDonough, German, Smithville, Pharsalia and Lincklaen. Private Entrepreneurs must show interest in applying for the grant. Ms. Jones reiterated NYS chooses the census block locations with no local input.
- Mr. Owen commented on establishing a “Welfare to Work” program that would consider incentives to encourage workers. For example no taxes from their paycheck, for possibly up to one year. Unfortunately there are numerous barriers from Federal and State Government; Access to training programs; Transportation; etc. The proposed expansion of the workplace training programs will be important.
- Sup. Grace commented on the proposed Solar Farm project on the Evans property, Town of Norwich. The \$27 million proposed project estimates lower electric rates for 5000 customers. The company proposing the Solar project has expressed concern about assessment of the infrastructure, similar to the assessment concern expressed by Plexicomm relating to the Broadband towers. Sup. Grace also questioned who calculates internet speed in designated areas? Mr. Palmatier suggested it was based on location of the fiber optic installation, which is misleading to residents as the connections to a residence are actually copper wiring, not fiber, and not reliable. Sup. Grace is concerned by the lack of County Government commitment relating to expansion of Broadband, when they provided \$150,000 to support repairs to reinstate the NYS&W railroad line. Private business and residents need to feel there is support from the County to upgrade and expand access to quality high speed internet service.

- Mr. Butler commented as a “Home Rule State” each municipality’s Assessor will be determining assessments for Solar and Broadband equipment.
- Sup. Seneck agreed individual Assessors make decisions on these projects. There has been training, which continues to be provided to assist in uniformity and understanding on how to properly assess equipment, structures, etc.
- Mr. Owen commented it is important for energy or telecommunication companies to provide a business plan outlining potential opportunities for the area.

Privilege of the Floor:

Ms. Paliotta stated she was not aware that the NYS Phase III Broadband funding did not include the entire County. Additional questions: Why taxes from Trac phone to Broadband would go to the County General fund and not in a fund to continue upgrade of internet services? Ms. Jones explained that is an FCC issue. Concern about Solar/Broadband assessments. Mr. Palmatier commented Mr. Craig, Commerce Chenango, reviewed a PILOT study on assessing Solar and Broadband installations. A necessary component is understanding variations of values across the state and what can happen to equalization rates. General consensus this is new to Assessors. Ms. Jones suggested it may be beneficial to speak to your Assessor directly to understand how they perceive the issue. Any progress on County Transportation study? Ms. Jones stated the County is waiting for the contract to be signed.

Mr. Fogarty commented on the statement “Counties have to wrestle with”...when it comes to relating to Solar and Broadband issues. It is important to encourage County government to communicate and educate like our neighbor Madison County. Relating to NYS data on Solar and Internet, it may not be accurate, especially relating to Frontier’s internet service.

Mr. Larsen provided an update on the railroad project. NYS&W is working on upgrading the crossings. The majority of the work is complete. The signals are scheduled to be repaired and operating late spring, early summer 2018. The company has been using the railroad to transport ties but requires escorts to close the crossings. NYS&W is currently developing a customer base for rail service.

Mr. Owen commented on the relationship of “Academia & Reality” and how they interact. For example how geometry plays a role in basic construction that individuals take for granted.

Mr. Davis commented an important element of workforce training is practicing the basics of getting ready and arriving at a worksite on time. In addition to adapting to an 8 hour work schedule.

Mr. Guinn commented on the Solar Farm proposed in the Town of Norwich. As Chairman of the Town of Norwich Planning Board he asked the Solar Company why they chose New York for their solar project with such cloudy weather in this area. Their reply: there were enough tax incentives to make it worthwhile for them to be here.

Mr. Romahn commented on all the Solar installation he has observed in his travels, but NYS seems to be lagging behind. Mr. Seneck commented it may be an issue of the tax base in various areas.

With no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 8 2017 at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rena M. Doing, Planner.

CHENANGO COUNTY PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2017
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
Paul Thomsen Tom Grace, Sup. Sally Chirlin Alex Larsen Bob Davis		Donna Jones, Director Shane Butler, Sr. Planner Rena Doing, Planner Steven Palmatier, Co. Consultant	Canice Paliotta Kenneth Fogarty Heriberto Rodriguez	Chris Lyons Michael Flanagan George Seneck, Sup. Ted Guinn Perry Owen Paul Romahn Bruce Beadle

Chairman Thomsen called the monthly County Planning Board meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

Old Business:

Planning Board Minutes:

Due to a lack of membership quorum there are no official minutes recorded for August or September. July minutes will be reviewed at the October meeting.

New Business:

No quorum for discussion of official business

Consultant's Report:

Mr. Palmatier provided an overview of projects and meetings he has participated in:

- Due to the success of the Workforce Development program at the Corning plant in Oneonta, two additional training programs are scheduled for employees from the 2nd and 3rd shifts.
- SUNY Morrisville Advisory meeting: Enrollment at SUNY Morrisville has increased with 90+ students entering the nursing program. In addition, a new career guidance counselor was hired who interestingly is CAEL level three evaluator. The Council on Adult and Experiential Learning is a group Mr. Palmatier has been working with and will be working on a workforce needs evaluation study for the I86 innovation corridor economic development group.
- Oxford School District is continuing to offer and develop the Career Path Program. A grant application was submitted to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) requesting funds to continue support of the Robotics program.
- Broadband discussion with ECC relating to a new program ECC has developed. This program is capable of determining where broadband access actually exists, provide a cost analysis, surveys and other options. The objective of the program is to motivate companies to consider providing services in specific areas. The current system, based on Census blocks, does not adequately or accurately address the needs in an area. The cost of the program is ~ \$ 12,000 which would enable outreach through advertising, surveys, etc.

- “Manufacturing Week” is the first week in October. On October 4, 2017, Christian Harris, the DOL’s economist and labor analyst for our region will be presenting at a symposium on the impact of manufacturing employment in our region. Other presenters will include Dan Ketchum, plant manager of the Unison plant in Norwich, Denise Ball, ToolingU and James Reddish from CAEL>
- Warren Eaton Airport is working toward securing a “Fixed Base Operator” for airport operations.
- Bloomberg News: A recent article featured the rapid growth of Wisconsin businesses and the difficulty filling positions. Approximately 40% of employees and numerous potential employees are failing drug tests. Conclusion for why this is happening: An increase in the use of Stimulants by overworked employees and Opioid use by individuals unwilling to work.

Privilege of the Floor:

Ms. Paliotta commented the Chenango Links organization is researching the prospect of individuals growing Hemp in Chenango County. Large tracts of land are not necessary to grow the crop. They will be sponsoring programs to educate and potentially recruit farmers in the area to consider growing Hemp in addition to encouraging individuals to spread the word about the benefits of Hemp. Ms. Paliotta recently attended the Hemp Festival in Vermont where Hemp is grown legally. An application to grow Hemp in Vermont is \$25.00, compared to \$250.00 in NYS.

Mr. Fogarty commented a Hemp Co-Op would be beneficial to promote Hemp growth and products. There are numerous available buildings in the County for storing or manufacturing Hemp products such as “Hempcrete”, which stronger and 1/3 the weight of concrete. The NYS&W railroad will be operating in 2018 and could be utilized for transporting product.

With no further discussion the group adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.

Discussion prepared by Rena M. Doing, Planner.

CHENANGO COUNTY PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2017
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
Paul Thomsen George Seneck, Sup. Tom Grace, Sup. Sally Chirlin Ted Guinn Perry Owen Michael Flanagan	Alex Larsen Bob Davis	Donna Jones, Director Shane Butler, Sr. Planner Rena Doing, Planner	Canice Paliotta Steven Palmatier	Chris Lyons Paul Romahn Bruce Beadle

Chairman Thomsen called the monthly County Planning Board meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

Old Business:

Planning Board Minutes:

Sup. Seneck motioned to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes; second by Mr. Guinn. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

Sup. Seneck motioned to approve the July 11, 2017 and September 12, 2017 239 minutes; second by Mr. Davis. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

New Business:

Ms. Jones commented: No New Business to report.

Consultant's Report:

Mr. Palmatier discussed the following:

The Manufacturing Program presented at SUNY Morrisville, Wednesday, October 4, 2017 included the following presentations:

Mr. Christian Harris, representing the NYS Dept. of Labor, provided a statistical report relating to employment and wages for 2016, in the three County Regions: Chenango, Delaware and Otsego (CDO) Region.

- ✓ 9071 jobs, 86% above the National average
- ✓ 21.8% estimated increase (2010-2016) Nationally 6.7% average
- ✓ Average earnings (including executive positions) \$ 71,322
- ✓ Goal to focus on educational programs
- ✓ Industry gender breakdown: Males 69.7% Female 30.3%
- ✓ Regional issue: 73.2% manufacturing employees are: 35-65+ years old. Considerable staff retiring in 5-10yrs which does not allot adequate time to train individuals to fill positions.
- ✓ Race/Ethnicity: 93.8% White Remaining 6.2% classified in order: Hispanic/Latin, Asian, African Am., two or more races, Am. Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ✓ Highest to Lowest average per hr. paid Manufacturing positions in CDO region: Industrial Engineers(\$38.44) various positions and pay increments to Electrical/Electronic Equipment Assemblers (\$11.14)
- ✓ A list of 20 various industries in the CDO Region Exported \$ 10,093,741,674 in product/services. Manufacturing exports were the highest: 35.2% in 2016. Government Exports include Educational Services (0.6%) due to individuals moving away while costing \$ 57,341,124.

Ms. Denise Ball, representing "ToolingU-Society of Manufacturers" provided an overview of available Society of Manufacturing Engineers courses and tips on training/interacting with Millennials (born 1981-1997) in the workforce.

General Discussion/Privilege of the Floor:

Education/Employment issues:

Ms. Chirlin questioned the goals of DCMO BOCES. It appears their primary programs have been Auto Body/Mechanical, Cosmetology, and CNA programs.

Mr. Owen commented DCMO BOCES' image gets a "bad rap" as it is not comparable to college. BOCES needs to improve its' image and stress success and diversification. Does Dept. of Labor consider Education as an Export because there is nothing available in the area?

Sup. Seneck commented the Education system continues stressing school exams with little focus on employment skills. SUNY Morrisville has minimal availability to courses relating to manufacturing.

Mr. Palmatier commented CAEL focuses on pathway to address manufacturing needs, based on retirement and changes in technology. There is a misconception on jobs, specifically quality jobs leading to confusion on educational training programs.

Ms. Paliotta questioned what is being done to encourage importing employees into the region? Comments included College Job Fairs, etc. featuring area career opportunities. It is important to increase more job training at the workplace or in educational facilities.

Mr. Flanagan commented when he was applying to colleges he questioned what employment opportunities would be available after graduation. Colleges focus on career packages including Internships. The company he is currently employed by participates in Job Fairs and hires individuals for Internship positions.

Mr. Owen commented on Chenango County missing an opportunity, years ago, when a college was considering locating in the area.

Mr. Davis commented School Districts actively stress furthering education in colleges.

Sup. Seneck suggested Social Media is important tool for enticing future workforce to the area.

Sup. Grace commented Chenango County spends \$ 1.3 million per year supporting resident students attending NYS Community Colleges, in addition to \$ 36,000 to support SUNY Morrisville.

Broadband/General Info:

Sup. Grace stated he had contacted "Plexicomm" to confirm if they had submitted a grant application to upgrade broadband service in the specified Chenango County Census tract areas. Sup. Grace received communication from Dan English stating they had not applied for the grant as they did not receive any support from Chenango County.

Mr. Palmatier stated the Planning Department had provided the Communication Tower location information Mr. English requested and we referred him to Real Property Tax to address his concern regarding Tower assessment, as he had an issue in another County with high assessed value. We had no additional requests or communications.

Sup. Seneck commented Plexicomm had requested information the County could not provide. Concerned the County has lack of focus and planning which are required for internet service.

Ms. Chirlin questioned if the County Supervisors are supportive of increasing Broadband service?

Ms. Paliotta commented the County Planning & Economic Development Committee is lacking vision by not moving forward on Broadband.

Mr. Flanagan commented his company allows him to work some days from home but the internet speed is often very slow and inadequate.

Sup. Grace commented the Towns of Columbus and Norwich are involved in lawsuits with Chobani to reduce the assessments on their properties. If it is reduced to the amount Chobani is requesting it would create a significant impact on the town. To date they have the cost of hiring an Industrial Appraiser/Attorney.

Sup. Seneck commented on the disconnect relating to LUCA for the 2020 Census. Ms. Jones stated Planning Department would assist if asked.

With no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rena M. Doing, Planner.

CHENANGO COUNTY PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2017
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
Paul Thomsen George Seneck, Sup. Tom Grace, Sup. Sally Chirlin Ted Guinn Michael Flanagan	Alex Larsen Bob Davis Paul Romahn Bruce Beadle	Donna Jones, Director Shane Butler, Sr. Planner Rena Doing, Planner	Canice Paliotta Steven Palmatier	Chris Lyons Perry Owen

Chairman Thomsen called the monthly County Planning Board meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

Old Business:

Planning Board Minutes:

Mr. Guinn motioned to approve the October 10, 2017 minutes; second by Sup. Seneck. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

Sup. Seneck motioned to approve the October 10, 2017 239 minutes; second by Mr. Guinn. Members voted all ayes, motion approved.

New Business:

Mr. Butler reminded Mr. Guinn, Mr. Beadle, Sup. Seneck and Sup. Grace their term on the County Planning Board expires December 31, 2017. Mr. Guinn and Sup. Seneck requested to be reappointed. Mr. Beadle has served the County Planning Board for 20 years and has decided to step down. Sup. Grace will advise the Board of his decision.

Mr. Butler commented on the progress of the Transportation Grant Study undertaken by the County Planning Department. Since the survey was advertised, October 9, the department has received 140 responses from Chenango County residents. Discussion continued on what is currently available for Chenango County residents. At this time Bernie Bus Line and A&D Transport have NYS Medicaid and local transport contracts with the County. Affordable transportation is not readily available for non-subsidized County residents.

Consultant's Report:

Mr. Palmatier discussed the following:

- The remaining equipment at the Norwich Aero facility has been removed. Chentronics will be occupying the building.
- There was a NYS Department of Labor meeting in Binghamton last week. The goals to move forward with labor opportunities are:
 - ✓ Introduction to employment opportunities/skills grades K-12
 - ✓ Upscaling existing employment
 - ✓ Badging and Certification
 - ✓ Pathway through Life
 - ✓ Employment opportunities for difficult to place workers.

Mr. Palmatier commented that Chenango County has been instrumental in actively introducing these same ideas/programs at various businesses. He suggested the Dept. of Labor seriously look at incorporating the Tooling U Modules in their plans. Dr. Kevin Drumm, Pres. SUNY Broome commented at the NYS Labor meeting that he has requested funding from NYS to add staff to move in the direction NYS Labor is proposing but he has had no response.

- SUNY Morrisville continues their wait for NYS to announce the proposed Mobile Training Unit project enabling onsite employee training at companies requesting this service.
- Unison/GE is developing a machinist program to train their employees
- Suggestion to utilize the “Tooling U” program to train students interested in pursuing machinist training, during their available time, at the School Districts. The goal is to graduate the student ready to enter the workforce.
- Several School Districts have been reaching out to discuss potential onsite programs with Mr. Palmatier.
- Oxford School District will be sponsoring an International “RoboRaid” competition.
- Warren Eaton Airport: Upstate Companies has proposed a hanger project capable of housing large airplanes.
- The recent Job Fair at SUNY Morrisville Norwich campus featured various companies in and around the County. Currently there are approximately 400 job openings available. Unison and Chobani did not have representation at the event. Sup. Seneck commented the job opportunities are not the problem in the County it is finding “good employees willing to work”.
- Mr. Palmatier commented that Toolmakers are one of the top paying positions. Females trained in the field do very well, it is a matter of changing the mindset of society.

Privilege of the Floor:

Ms. Paliotta stated she was encouraged the County Board of Supervisors will review the proposed status of Ag/Bldg. Grounds Committee. She suggested all County Committees should be reviewed. Ms. Paliotta commented on the issues with Frontier relating to Broadband service and problems. She mentioned the USDA is offering a Broadband grant.

Sup. Seneck commented on the success of the programs Mr. Palmatier has been promoting.

Ms. Chirlin voiced her concern on the lack of interest DCMO/BOCES has in expanding into Mechatronics program. How do you change the thinking?

No meeting scheduled in December.

With no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rena M. Doing, Planner.