

COUNTY OF OTSEGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OTSEGO COUNTY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION
JOINT PROJECT COMMITTEE

December 20, 2016

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The COIDA and OCCRC joint Project Committee meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m. at the Otsego Now offices located at 189 Main Street, Suite 500, Oneonta, NY. Members present were Jim Jordan, Cheryl Robinson, Bob Hanft, and Craig Gelbsman (who joined at 7:50 am). Staff Sandy Mathes and Elizabeth Horvath were in attendance, as was counsel Kurt Schulte.

The following topics were discussed:

Mr. Mathes provided an update on CFA funding awards, with a summary of the strategy behind the awards; he further updated the committee concerning the DRI, MVREDC URI, and Restore NY grant.

Mr. Mathes updated the committee on the regional food & beverage plans, including the fact that Jeff Hyman is working to create a true pro forma for the building by January. Otsego Now is working with CADE to create a job description and package for a shared staff person to oversee the food & beverage activities for the region. Mr. Mathes updated the group on negotiations with the owners of the proposed food & beverage building site, and indicated that if the current proposed solutions (including the Armory) are not successful, Otsego Now may need to pursue eminent domain actions; he will request that the full Board vote to approve a public hearing concerning the matter at the full Board meeting.

The rail yards property is close to closing, with the ball firmly in the sellers' court. Otsego Now attorneys are calling daily to request the information they need to create the closing documents and to schedule the closing. Mr. Mathes updated the group on the cascade of activities that will follow the closing: commencing the Oneonta Comp Plan update, SEQR and GEIS on the site, pursuit of Federal funding for the proposed bridge. Mr. Mathes shared some insights and contacts from the recent NS retreat.

Mr. Mathes updated the group on the status of an option on land in the town of Maryland, and ongoing negotiations for a potential tenant in the Siemens building.

Mr. Mathes concluded the meeting by indicating that he is working on prioritization/staff allotment of time and responsibilities, and will have that information for next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.