

Economic Affairs Committee
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## MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 13, 2014

The Economic Affairs Committee convened at 9:02 a.m.

Economic Affairs Committee Members Present: Leilani Ulrich (Agency Chairwoman), Arthur Lussi (Economic Affairs Committee Chair), Bradley Austin (DED), Karen Feldman, Dan Wilt and Robert Stiegman (DEC).

Other Members or Designees Present: Sherman Craig, Dierdre Scozzafava (DOS), Bill Thomas, Bill Valentino, Richard Booth.

<u>Agency Staff Present:</u> Terry Martino (Executive Director), Jim Townsend (Counsel), Dan Kelleher (Special Assistant-Economic Affairs).

Others Present: Fred Monroe (Executive Director, Local Government Review Board)

Agency Chairwoman Ulrich opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

On motion by Karen Feldman, seconded by Dan Wilt, the Board unanimously approved the May 8, 2014 minutes.

Special Assistant for Economic Affairs Dan Kelleher provided the following update:

Mr. Kelleher, Rick Weber (Deputy Director), and Terry Martino (Executive Director) met with Industrial Development Agency leaders of five counties for a roundtable discussion to determine how the Agency can partner with them to achieve their goals.

Mr. Kelleher also reported that Agency sent three letters of support. The first was for the Adirondack Teleworks project while the other two were sent to Hamilton County for applications to consolidate municipal and county fuel provision facilities.

Mr. Kelleher, Chairwoman Ulrich and Member Craig attended a celebration for the remediation of the JSL Steele site. The

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event was hosted by the Town of Fine, the Town of Clifton and St. Lawrence County.

## <u>Presentation of Jeff Erenstone of Mountain Orthotic and</u> <u>Prosthetic Services:</u>

Mr. Erenstone, born and raised in Lake Placid, provided an overview of his business, Mountain Orthotic and Prosthetic Services. He is well known locally and nationally for his work with orthotics and prosthetics. The company, with offices in Lake Placid and Plattsburgh, has 11 employees varying from clinicians and craftsman to administrative staff. His business is the only one in this sector in the region.

Mr. Erenstone works with athletes and non-athletes as well as children's camps, allowing some of these clients to participate in certain sporting activities for the first time.

His adaptive sports designs for such activities as skiing, rock climbing, running, golf, and most recently bobsledding and skeleton have given him a reputation in national and international markets.

After a brief question and answer session, Mr. Erenstone was provided with a certificate of appreciation by Chairwoman Ulrich, Member Lussi and Executive Director Martino.

meeting ended at 9:55 a.m.