



Economic Affairs Committee
February 14, 2020

The Economic Affairs Committee convened at 10:30 a.m.

Economic Affairs Committee Members Present:

Art Lussi, Chair, Rebecca Miller, (ESD), Robert Stegemann (DEC)

Other Members and Designees Present:

Lynne Mahoney, Presiding Member, Dan Wilt, John Ernst, William Thomas

Local Government Review Board:

Gerald Delaney, Executive Director

Agency Staff Present:

Terry Martino, Chris Cooper, Kathy Regan, Keith McKeever, Devan Korn, Sarah Reynolds, John Burth, and Annemarie Peer

Economic Affairs Report:

Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant for Economic Affairs, gave a report on the Adirondack Park Agency Economic Services Unit activities. Mr. Kelleher provided an overview of new programs the Agency has developed to assist communities in economic development including the Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance (HEPA) initiative and the Envision Adirondack Initiative. Through these programs, the Agency builds partnerships with local communities to develop planning and visioning documents to assist in economic development.

Mr. Kelleher also highlighted the Unit's work with the three Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC) that represent the Adirondack Park: the Capital Region, Mohawk Valley, and North Country REDCs. Mr. Kelleher highlighted that staff serves as the Writing Captain for the North Country REDC's Innovation Workgroup and sits on the writing team of that Council. Staff serves on the State Agency Resource Team for each Council.

Mr. Kelleher concluded his presentation with possibilities for what the future could look like and new partnerships that could be developed between the public, private, and educational sectors. Mr. Kelleher highlighted that staff routinely seek new ways to work with communities and augment services to assist them.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.