

North Country Regional Economic Development Council
Meeting Notes
SUNY Potsdam
October 21, 2011

Open Session

Attendance: Lt. Governor Robert Duffy, Dan Wilt, Lisa Weber, Donna Wadsworth, Bill Murray, Anne Merrill, Jim McKenna, Adoré Flynn Kurtz, Bridget-Ann Hart, Jon Greenwood, Terry Gach, Kate Fish, John Ettling, John Donoghue, Cheryl Mayforth, Garry Douglas (Co-Chair), Tony Collins (Co-Chair).

Ex Officio Voting: Supervisor Marie Regan, Mayor Jeffrey Graham, Chair Bill Farber, Chair Sallie Brother,

Ex Officio non-voting: MOA Ken Blankenbush

Excused: Eric Virkler, Jim Wright, John Martin, Carl McLaughlin, Tom Leitz, Mark Tryniski, Ron David and Cali Brooks, Don Kasprzak, Jim Langley, Senator Griffo, Senator Little, Senator Ritchie, MOA Janet Duprey, MOA Teresa Sayward, MOA Addie Russell, and Randy Douglas.

Staff: Roseanne Murphy, Cliff Donaldson, Cindy Picunas, Terry Martino and Betsy Lowe

Bruce Rosebrook—training director for electrical programs in Watertown and Plattsburgh. The goal of his program is to train electrical contractors and keep men and women living and working in the North Country. He asked the group to look at capital improvement projects and work to have used local contractors and labor. He asked that local preference be part of funding, to avoid use of out-of-state laborers and contractors. He commented positively on the vision statement of creating a green energy economy, that Clarkson does a good job with this, and mentioned the wind power developments throughout the region. Green energy development concentrates training in electrical trades which he sees as a positive. He thanked everyone for their effort.

Chris Savardie-Efficiency Organization, US Army Veteran (**someone checks registrations for his affiliation**). He represents ideas for energy use including efficiency, use of local contractors, to keep generated energy inside the home. Simple cost-step measures to address efficiency. There are rebates through Public Service Commission, and he wants to emphasize the need to endorse comprehensive evaluations of homes. Thanked members for their time.

Garry reminded all present of the public forum in Lowville on October 26.

The meeting was adjourned.