



North Country Regional ED Councils

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Indian Lake, Hamilton County

PUBLIC COMMENTS

First Speaker:

- Worked on community planning process – vibrant downtown w/ healthy recreational opportunities and sustainable businesses.

Second Speaker:

- Worked on jobs committee which focused on teleworking, a website is up and running;
- Three components for success include education/administration and work force training;
- Example of telecommuting work – FrontierNet, six months onsite in Gloversville then work from home;

Third Speaker: (Main Street Revitalization)

- Partnered w/ chamber and held a small business workshop, attended by 24 people
- Next held a small business financial workshop – attended by 15 people, five of which received small business loans;
- Created a historic district walking tour – initial tour was attended by 50 people;
- Submitted Mainstreet grant to improve downtown businesses – façade improvements
- Plan to have an Indian Lake energy efficiency day – workshop to inform community residents of available funding.

Fourth Speaker: (Marketing)

- Focus in on town branding;
- Working on consensus for what is our brand;
- Held two focus groups and are planning two to three more sessions;
- Focusing on various types of residents – natives, seasonal, transplants, youth;
- Working on identifying community's strengths and weakness to then determine best branding option.

Fifth Speaker: (Resident – Works @ Wild Center)

- Lobbied for two projects Wild Center submitted CFA's

Sixth Speaker:

- Submitted CFA for his personal business (MAS);
- Manufacturing engineer firm – composite manufacturing;
- Discussed his extensive professional background;
- Focus now on military and aerospace manufacturing of specialized components;
- New process in lower energy and elimination of harmful byproducts;
- Plans to build a pilot plant in Indian to advance this technique;

Next speaker – same as first speaker:

- Consideration of network of bike paths;
- Black Fly challenge very positive economic impact to town;
- Need to plan regionally and connect communities with bike paths and bike lanes;
- Please consider bike lanes in all new transportation projects.

Next Speaker:

- Underutilized hydro resources;
- Need to take advantage of local water resources;
- Local school board member;
- Pointed out school switching to wood pellets for heating source – cite as example of local energy initiative;
- Need to clean bike lane along travel corridors (remove sand and debris).

Next Speaker:

- Seen improvements as a result of local planning effort;
- Lobbied for ADK Museums submitted CFAs.

Next Speaker:

- Thanked Council members for support of phase 1 broadband project – will be complete this calendar year;
- Lobbied for HCIDA phase 2 project;
- Encouraged tourism fund to continue to support sector.

Next Speaker:

- Inlet just broke ground on community wastewater system;
- Need funding to connect community residents;
- Lobbied for support of Inlet Mainstreet project.

Final Speaker:

- Rural communities face stiff competition from outside sources;
- Theater project requires significant resources to sustain;
- Hamilton County Reads – program to attract people to Indian Lake which promotes films and books;
- Hollywood is forcing theaters to install digital projectors which will hurt the Indian Lake theater;
- Lobbied for CFA for Indian Lake Theater.