

North Country Regional Economic Development Council
SUNY Canton
Friday, August 14, 2015

Present: Tony Collins, Garry Douglas, Ken Blankenbush, John Ettling, Bill Farber, Kate Fish, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Joe Giroux, Bridget Hart, Billy Jones, Joe Lightfoot, Betty Little, Cheryl Mayforth, Jim McKenna, Carl McLaughlin, Marie Regan, Addie Russell, Zvi Szafran, Michael Tabolt, Dan Wilt, Jim Wright

Also Present: Reg Carter for Bill Murray, Bruce Lawson for Jim Calnon, Kathryn Bamberger, Erin Cole

Absent: Cali Brooks, Jim Calnon, John Donoghue, Cathy Dove, Janet Duprey, Sam Dyer, Bill Ferebee, Jeff Graham, Paul Grasso, Joseph Griffo, Hugh Hill, Bob Lenney, Anne Merrill, Bill Murray, Patty Ritchie, Dan Stec, David Tomberlin, Mark Tryniski, Donna Wadsworth
Lisa Weber

Public Session

Garry Douglas opened the public session at 12:11.

Garry Douglas provided an overview of the private session. We heard from the priority project selection committee and adopted this year's priority projects. These projects will be identified in our plan released in September when our plan is published. We heard updates from our three leadership groups that are developing concepts and projects for our URI submission. Some excellent projects are coming together. We had a presentation from Erin Cole, Empire State Development on Global NY and ways that we can continue to work in the program to support international business in the north country. We express our support for the OBPA TIGER grant application for the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge. Finally, we prepared to have council members score CFAs soon.

Public Comment:

Joe Dadey representing ACTLS talked about the value of a lodging system, connected by self-powered recreation trails. The group submitted three CFAs during this year's competition.

Linda McQuinn, Director of Economic Development for the Town of Canton. She outlined two CFA's that the town applied for in this year's funding round. One was for a DOS Waterfront Revitalization Program and the second was for Municipal Government Efficiency Grant.

The next Council meeting will take place on September 16th in Lake Placid, NY.

Garry Douglas closed the meeting at 12:30.