

North Country Regional Economic Development Council
Meeting Summary
SUNY Potsdam
September 7, 2012

Open Session

Present: Lt Gov. Robert Duffy, Tony Collins, Garry Douglas, Cheryl Mayforth, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Cali Brooks, Donna Wadsworth, Carl McLaughlin, Dave Tomberlin, John Ettling, Marie Regan, Addie Russell, Betty Little, John Donoghue, Randy Douglas, Bill Farber, Kate Fish, Bridget-ann Hart, Hugh Hill, Jim McKenna, Anne Merrill, Bill Murray, Eric Virkler, Lisa Weber, Jim Wright, Sharon Addison rep. Mayor Graham .

Also Present: Andrew Kennedy, and Roseanne Murphy.

Absent: Dan Wilt, Sallie Brothers, Jim Langley, Don Kasprzak,

Tony Collins opened the meeting at 1:58

Andrew Kennedy: Introduced himself as sitting in for Lt. Gov. He is confident that he NC Region is doing a terrific job

Tony Collins : Asked the Public Comment commence first.

Rachel Wallace Vice President of Elementary School: NC schools are in dire straits. Having good schools is important and an indicator of a good community. Please increase state aid. Please support continued state aid.

Barbara Beekman: I am president of Canton School Board. Please provide fiscal equity for schools. Please advocate for fairness in school funding.

Greg Landseth: I would like to ask you to employ NYS residents through the NY Works money. Why has the unemployment rate remained unchanged with the growth going on? Our Building and Trades Council is only using internal membership money and participates in helmets to hardhats.

Mary Margaret Small: Coordinator of NC STEM network. I wanted to update you on our National Manufacturing Day event. Thank you to members who spoke at the Governor's Council on Education Reform. Please support more money for students. Please give manufacturers a heads up that manufacturers will be contacted for a survey.

Ron Haney: Secretary Treasurer of Central-Northerner NY Building Trades. We need local labor on these projects. We need more local labor on construction projects.

Rich Daddario: Labor Representative for Construction and Trades. Money spent on north NY labor stays in northern NY. Please use our labor.

Path Through History:

Kevin Keiff, OPRHP: Gov Cuomo unveiled Path through History initiative this summer to highlight historic resources in the State. We provided a presentation to the Governor and conference highlighting the work of our group. The workgroup will be crafting a marketing plan and has been providing input on new interstate signage highlighting our historic assets

Senator Little: We are working on a meeting with APA, DEC and DOT about signage on the Northway for attractions. We need to highlight the biggest attractions.

Kate Fish: It will be important that DOT to include all Scenic Byways.

Roseanne Murphy: There is a Connect NY Broadband program with a \$25 million funding component. Visit ConnectNY website for details. Applications are due on October 5th.

Tony Collins reminded everyone of the Upcoming Events of Interest: 2012 Forever Wired Conference, Clarkson University, September 28, 2012; Local Government Conference, SUNY Potsdam, October 8, 2012; National Manufacturers Day Events, October 5, 2012 - Watertown, Potsdam and Plattsburgh.

Andrew Kennedy: Thank you for this meeting. Much was accomplished and this plan is great

We have achieved much through Round 1 and now Round 2. We are now beginning the process of analyzing implementation and learning about how communities are achieving their vision. Tony Collins and Garry Douglas provided an overview at our Gov's conference

We are now developing a website that monitors all 700+ projects from phase 1. The Gov will be coming to the Regions to see progress in the fall. SART teams will begin progress report evaluations as well.

Once progress reports are submitted we will review all applications and reports and announce the projects that received funding. The score is 20% Council score and 80% technical score.

An interagency team of state employees will evaluate the projects for their shovel readiness.

Tony Collins closed the meeting at 2:37.