

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2017

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: M. Sopchak (Chair), C. O'Brien, J. Shaw, M. Kaminsky, R. Weslar

Members Absent: None

Others Present: C. Dziejcz, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; J. Garnar, B. Lainhart, County Exec's Office; J. Knebel, S. Kane, OMB; S. Liu, J. Tschang, OET; F. Evangelisti, Planning; C. Praefke, Town of Fenton Resident

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:27 PM. Mrs. Kaminsky made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Weslar.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#4 [RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARM LAND PROTECTION BOARD](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 [RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 [RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RON HEEBNER TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE SOUTHERN TIER EAST REGIONAL PLANNING DEVELOPMENT BOARD](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#31 [RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS LEAD AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BROOME COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NOS. 3, 4 AND 5 AND RENDERING A "NEGATIVE DECLARATION" WITH RESPECT THERETO](#)

Mr. Praefke expressed concerns to the Committee on this Resolution and Resolution 32 with regard to a neighboring property located in the Town of Fenton at 197 State Route 369, Port Crane, NY. The property owner is planning to use the property for both agricultural and commercial use.

Mr. Evangelisti stated that these Resolutions are only for inclusion into Agricultural Districts which offer property owners agricultural protections under State law. He further stated that the decision regarding whether or not to allow the property owner to operate a brewery is not a decision under this Resolution but would have to be determined by the Town of Fenton Board, Planning Board, and/or Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Sopchak thanked Mr. Praefke for sharing his concerns and reminded everyone that these Resolutions will be subject to a public hearing at the February Session, which will allow for all stakeholders to be heard.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#32 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN FOR THE MODIFICATION OF BROOME COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NOS. 3, 4 AND 5 PURSUANT TO SECTION 303-b OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#34 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH NY WIRED FOR EDUCATION, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL ON-LINE TRAINING SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR 2016-2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#35 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE DISABILITY RESOURCE COORDINATOR PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#36 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016-2018

Ms. Liu stated that the funds within the Advisory Board/Trustees line is used for administrative expenses for and on behalf of the Workforce Development Board, which is a volunteer board made up of 23 members. She further stated that funds within their budget are transferred to lines where they are needed and that this is common for the department each year.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT ADULT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016-2018

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weslar, seconded by Mr. Shaw. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.