

Town of Lansing
Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes Wednesday July 28, 2010

Attendees: Andy Sciarabba, Steve Ruoff, Steve Grimm, Scott Pronti, Dave Burns, Jeff Overstrom

Unable to Attend: Greg Hartz, Bud Shattuck, Mickey Herzog, Skip Hardie

Guests, Kathy Miller

Mission Statement discussed. Decided to hold off adoption until more members of the Committee could comment..

Jeff Overstrom gave an update on the stand alone sewer project. DEC has issued the operating limits which will need to be achieved by the project after performing testing. The initial service area has been outlined and the committee reviewed the boundaries and made various comments. This area will be adjusted later in the process. The Town will issue RFP's for engineering services and begin the process of presenting financial information to the DEC. The approval and financing process is expected to take up to 2 years with another year for construction and commencing of operations.

Steve Grimm indicated that the school district is evaluating its septic/sewer needs and developing cost estimates and funding sources and the sewer timing is important to know for their purposes.

Steve Grimm also updated the Committee on current AES Pilot discussions.

Discussion was held on the interest in preparing a plan for a development incentive zone and program for submission to the Town Board and if approved to the County IDA. It was suggested that we obtain a copy of the current policies and procedures for the City of Ithaca Community Investment Program and the IDA's Policies and Procedures. Andy will obtain such and distribute to members for discussion at next meeting.

Jeff Overstrom mentioned that the Town's Ag Committee has presented a plan to the Planning Committee for ag land preservation which he will forward to the members.

The Committee also discussed the merits of surveying various county residential projects to develop an indication of the number of school age children are in occupancy based on the type of housing; single family, multi-family market rate rentals, multi-family-subsidized rates. This information will be helpful when evaluating the impact on the school district. Steve Grimm indicated that the District will be preparing an enrollment study to determined the expected school enrollments and based on current trends, the district has excess room capacity

It was decided that the August meeting will be cancelled and we will meet on September 29, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Sciarabba
July 30, 2010