



PCEDC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

8 – 9 a.m.

Present: Richard Weiss, Alana Mikhalevsky, Marjorie Keith, Daniel Leary, Joseph Roberto, Walter Recher, John Kraus, Kimball Gell and Dylan Miyoshi.

Absent: Robert Zubrycki, Don Minichino, Chris Ryder and Dr. Mark Hirko

Staff: Kathleen Abels, Rachael Paradise

Guests: Bill Nulk (PCIDA)

- I. 8:06 am Call to Order
- II. Approval of March Board Meeting Minutes: *The motion was passed unanimously.*
- III. Nominating Committee:
 - A. Kimball Gell, co-owner of Fresh Company and Dolly's restaurant, was officially welcomed to the board.
 - B. Dylan Miyoshi, NYSEG program manager of government and community relations (Mid-Hudson Region), was nominated to the Board of Directors. Kathleen Abel's noted the importance of representation from utilities companies as they often offer incentives to businesses. *A motion was made to approve Mr. Miyoshi's nomination. Seconded by Walter Recher. Approved.*
- IV. President's Report: *Please see attached report*
- V. Marketing Committee Report: Don Minichino, Chris Ryder and Mr. Recher met to go over the marketing plan. They will put together a formal plan with a budget. The strategic meeting will help decide EDC's engagement, mission and development of relationships with county/town government as well as area businesses.
- VI. Board Retreat: The strategic planning meeting next week will refocus the direction of the agency as well as the role the EDC has in terms of relationships with the county and businesses. Dr. Eugene P. Buccini of Buccini Associates will facilitate. Bill Nulk of IDA and Tracey Walsh of Putnam County Tourism will be attending.
- VII. Other Business: Richard Weiss is working on financials to ensure we are in compliance with the Paris Report.

Adjournment – 9 a.m.: *Motion to adjourn meeting approved.*

Next Meeting: July 12 at 8 a.m.

President's Report
March 8, 2022 – May 9, 2022

Continued participating in monthly meetings of the Job Connection Task Force of the Hudson Valley (JCTFHV), which was initiated by Patterns for Progress.

Continued participating in monthly Putnam County Solid Waste Management Plan Renewal Focus Group.

Continued catch-up calls with Eric Warren of Empire State Development. Sent out three site searches to commercial realtors.

Continued attending quarterly Red-Carpet meetings. Met on 04/27/22.
Continued weekly, in-person meetings with Tourism.

Continued working on updating Planning Department's List of Major Employers in Putnam County. Have identified and added several major (>50 employees) employers who were previously overlooked.

Continued serving on Board of Directors of Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition. Evening Meetings on 03/21/22 and on 04/18/22.

Began working on Fall Event scheduled for September 29 – arranged for venue and caterer and one speaker; sent out 'Save the Dates' to all Chambers and PCBC to help prevent event conflicts, developed sponsorship levels; secured \$2,500 sponsorship from NYSEG.

Began working on Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled for May 17 – arranged for venue and food brought in (special thanks to John Kraus and Tompkins Community Bank); invited Tourism and IDA to join us, located and hired consultant to facilitate meeting.

03/10/22 – attended State of County address in Historic Courthouse

03/15/22 – discussed Project Orion with Eric Warren, ESD

03/24/22 – virtual meeting with Amazon.com regarding Northeast Logistics Center

03/28/22 – in-person meeting with Barbara Barosa, Planning Department

04/01/22 – Board of Directors meeting in Katonah for Friends of Ladson Park and Arboretum.

04/07/22 – attended in person annual meeting of Putnam County Business Council at Taconic Education Center in Putnam Valley.

Attended first “Sidewalk Talks” webinar regarding Main Street projects

04/12/22 – meet with Dylan Miyoshi, NYSEG Project Manager-Government& Community Relations regarding Economic Development Outreach grant. Met on Zoom with Richard Weiss and Bob Zubrycki regarding Strategic Planning Meeting.

04/19/22 – attended in person breakfast meeting of Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce.

04/20/22 – met virtually with Adam Bosch, Pattern for Progress President and CEO to get his input for Fall Event and to secure him as a key speaker

04/22/22 – meet with Mayor Jim Schoening regarding Brewster Revitalization plan presently known as *Brewster Crossing*. No Articles 78 were filed by the deadline, so this project is a go and will probably close on subject properties in June and break ground in early July. Sent follow up CFA, DRI and NYSEG incentive program information.

04/25/22 – Zoom meeting with Richard Weiss, Bob Zubrycki and Gene Buccini of Buccini Associates, who will be facilitating our Strategic Planning Meeting later this month.

05/03/22 – met in person with Maria Barca, SBA Loan consultant in Mahopac.

05/04/22 – preliminary chat with Vinnie Tamagna regarding water and sewer plans for Danbury Road to Route 22 in the Town of Southeast. Followed up with Southeast Planning Board Chair and with Paul Camarda about commercial parcel for sale between Restaurant Depot and future Subaru storage area.

05/05/22 – followed up with Legislator Carl Albano regarding Pugsley Road property as possible site for Rollover 911 Center/QPF with *Wonderama* as anchor tenant to ensure revenue.