

private funding sources to update the plan. A motion to continue to move forward with updating the County Ag Protection Plan with no county tax dollars was moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Scribner and adopted.

- Local Government Efficiency Grant Program – Chris attended a workshop on the new program for the shared municipal services program. Contact Chris for further information on the application process.
- County Planning Board Appointment – Mason Ormsby, Town of Fort Edward – A motion to appoint Mason Ormsby, Town of Fort Edward, to the County Planning Board for a seven-year term was moved by Mr. Scribner, seconded by Mr. Lindsay and adopted.
- SEQR for Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid Application – For the first time in this program, the State is asking the County to do a SEQR determination on the trails at the local rather than State level. A resolution is needed to authorize signature of the EAF/Lead Agency SEQR and negative declaration. Roger Wickes, County Attorney, stated the County would need to get reports signed by the snowmobile club that they are using the funding properly. A motion to accept Board as Lead Agency was moved by Mr. Scribner, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted. A motion to accept Chairman signature on EAF was moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted. A motion to issue a Negative Declaration regarding the project was moved by Mr. Scribner, seconded by Mr. Lindsay and adopted.
- Staff Evaluation – Chris was asked by Margaret Wright, Deputy Personnel Director, if this committee was planning on conducting a department head evaluation on him at this time. Chairman Brown stated at this time there was no department head in the Planning Department. Chris would like to know what areas in which to spend his time. Chairman Brown suggested making an outline of what he does with the amount of time he spends on those items listed. He currently works between 40 and 50 hours a week. Chris would like to know what to focus on. Discussion ensued. This will be addressed further next month.
- County Planning Board Monthly Report – The County Planning Board considered three projects. He stated that the Village of Fort Edward has a moratorium on outside wood boilers. He has information on wood boilers as he recently held a conference/seminar on that subject with over 40 attendees.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –

Washington County Alternative Energy Market Strategy Development – Steering Committee Update – Mac has scheduled a meeting for next Wednesday October 29th from 3 – 4:30 P.M.

Wal-Mart into Queensbury – Chris stated that the Planning Department even when Mark Galough was there have spoken with Wal-Mart about locating in the County but the issue is infrastructure. They are interested in Granville but they do not have a comprehensive plan and no zoning. It would be helpful in economic development to know what infrastructure is in the area. Kevin Hayes, County

Administrator, mentioned developing a criteria list, what is available at sites like power, sewer and water and also what could the County do to help development, like the roadwork done in Hampton or possibly roadwork for the soccer park in Fort Ann, etc. The committee discussed dairy/niche farming and development.

TOURISM – Marge Mohn, I Love NY Program Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Monthly Report attached.
- Quadricentennial – Program narrative and budget attached. Marge is requesting a resolution to apply for a \$45,000 grant from the NYS DEC for funding provided from the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Program in accordance with the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Act. She explained how the funding would be used, metal sail sculptures, a brochure, sponsor a hot air balloon for Cambridge Valley Balloon Festival and information centers. The committee needs to know more information about how this funding will be used before any funds are spent. This is a reimbursement grant with \$25,000 up front. The County's grant policy needs to be followed. A motion to apply for Quadricentennial Grant monies, NYS DEC, was moved by Mr. Scribner, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, and adopted. She also stated that there might be monies for docks from another source through Sen. Betty Little's Office.
- Adirondack North Country Region Road Map and Scenic Byways & Birding Guide distributed.
- Ag Business Showcase is scheduled for Thursday, November 6th from 3:00 – 6:00 P.M. at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Easton.

OTHER BUSINESS –

Brian Gilchrist, Director Cooperative Extension, addressed the following items with the committee:

- ✓ Cheese Tour - This was a very successful event with over 1400 attendees for two-days.
- ✓ Cooperative Extension staff, Aaron Gabriel working with Mac Sanders and Telescope Furniture on alternative energy.
- ✓ Collaboration in Cambridge – Old freight yard businesses and a community compost project.
- ✓ Training - He stated he has staff trained on adventure based team building and available as a resource.
- ✓ 2009 Budget – Brian stated he understands the budget situation. Cooperative Extension is a non-mandated agency and he is willing to do his part and has cut \$28,000. Hopefully the Board is making educated decisions. He stated \$100,000 is needed from the County to receive state funding. Fifty percent of the operating budget is county funds. They do seek out other funding sources and receive \$20,000 in grant funding. Discussion ensued. Please contact Brian with any questions about Cooperative Extension and the budget.

Roger Wickes, County Attorney, updated the committee on the Occupancy/Bed Tax. The occupancy/bed tax is on track and will request legislation after the new legislators are seated, after November.

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 P.M.