



resources and technical assistance provided to the County. She urged Supervisors to view the updated web site LakestoLocks.com.

Chris DeBolt, Planner, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Discuss Inclusion of Washington County in the Hudson Valley River Greenway – handout attached. A motion to present a resolution accepting our designation to be included in the Hudson River Valley Greenway was moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Scribner and adopted.
- Municipal Officials Training – A training for municipal officials is scheduled for October 16, 2008 from 6 PM to 9 PM on the following topics: Site Plan Review & Outdoor Wood Boiler, handout attached.
- County Planning Board Monthly Report – The new Stewarts in Fort Edward at the corner of Rt. 4 and Rt. 197 agreed to move it back and to alter the exterior to fit better with downtown Fort Edward, more than happy to do that with red brick.
- NYS Ag & Markets – Salem is working on an ag plan and White Creek just received a grant to start their ag plan. They informed Chris that they have also received interest from the towns of Argyle, Hartford and Granville to do ag protection plans. These ag protection plan grants are for \$25,000. It was suggested possibly having Argyle and Hartford work together to receive more grant funding. The County can apply also for a grant to update the County's plan with a local match of \$6,667. He will check further on if the County can apply without hurting the town applications and if so he will start the application process and report back to the committee next month.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Mac Sanders, Economic Development Specialist, Local Development Corporation, addressed the following items:

- Discuss Washington County Alternative Energy Market Strategy Development – Mac Sanders distributed the attached handout detailing the mission statement and people/agencies to be involved in the proposed Washington County Alternative Energy Market Strategy Development. He informed the Board that he has attended two conferences on this topic. He is proposing to identified missions and goals and commence serious discussion on an alternative energy strategy. He is requesting to form a working committee to look at policy issues and get an alternative energy strategy for Washington County that makes sense which keys upon the resources, i.e. the land, wood lots, for the benefit of county businesses. He mentioned recent discussion with Telescope on the use of alternative energy, grass pellets. A motion to approve moving forwarding with forming an Alternative Energy Market Strategy Development committee was moved by Mr. Scribner, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted. Mac will report back to the committee on an ongoing basis.
- Hampton Biodiesel Project Update – Mac stated it is now called the Hampton Alternative Energy Park. They are looking at a number of alternative energy projects. The first will probably involve the digester bringing in food waste and manure, one digester in a commercial greenhouse. Whether or not biodiesel

goes up there or not depends on raising a significant amount of capital. Mr. Brown asked about the progress of the road. The highway department is in the process of working on the road.

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

- Monthly Report attached.
- Web site demonstration – [www.washingtoncounty.org](http://www.washingtoncounty.org).

OTHER BUSINESS –

Ag Stewardship Association updated the committee on the farmland protection projects, handout attached. The County's Hand Melon farm application has been forwarded to the State. They are ready to move forward with the Moses project. They plan to send the project package to the State for approval. They are hopeful of closing by the end of the year. A motion to approve closing on the Moses Farm was moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.