Economic Development & Energy Committee Meeting Held In Room #318

Putnam County Office Building

Members: Chairwoman Scuccimarra & Legislators LoBue and Gross

Monday _____April 15, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Scuccimarra. Chairwoman Scuccimarra led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators LoBue, Gross and Chairwoman Scuccimarra were present.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra opened the meeting expressing her sorrow and condolences for the people who were involved in this atrocity that occurred in Boston relating to the bombing at the Race.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to accept the additional. Seconded by Legislator DiCarlo. All in favor.

#3) Putnam Cycling Classic/Presentation/Director of Tourism/Libby Pataki

Chairman Scuccimarra invited the Director of Tourism, Ms. Libby Pataki up to the podium to make her presentation to the Committee, regarding the Cycling Tour Event to be held on 5/5/13.

Ms. Pataki stated that the Cycling Route would include all towns, and they are expecting a very large crowd.

Ms. Pataki showed the Committee a Map of the Event.

Mr. Bill Nulk asked if there would be a schedule in the different Towns so we will know the times that the Bikers will be arriving in those Towns.

Ms. Pataki stated yes, Bicycle Stager John Eustace, a professional cyclist has met with the Sheriff's Office as well as the E.M.T's and Fire Departments, to go over details regarding the Cycling Event. All the pertinent information regarding the Event will be in the Putnam County Courier. The times will also be posted for different intersections to be closed. The closing of these intersections will not be lengthy; it will only be as long as it takes for the Cyclists to go through the intersection.

Ms. Pataki stated that they have spent a lot of time on Traffic control. It is a really big priority. It is a safety issue and a convenience issue, as it is going to be on a Sunday. The Street Festival is being put on by the Chamber of Commerce, and there are some tables left if anyone would like to be a part of the festival.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra asked how many bikers were registered so far.

Ms. Pataki stated approximately 250 and we receive new e-mails every day with additional names. Last year the total amount of bikers was 200 and this year it will be between 500 and 1,000 Cyclists.

Legislator Gross asked if the Cold Spring Police Department would be supporting the Sheriff's Department for this event.

Ms. Pataki stated yes.

Chairman of Transportation Task Force, Vincent Tamagna stated that Cold Spring is really managing a lot of the Law Enforcement along with the Sheriff's Department, as this race is County wide.

#4) Call Center/Possible Business Venture for Putnam County/Discussion Commissioner of Planning/Anthony Ruggiero

Megan Taylor/President of EDC stated that she has had experience in this area and she wants to be sure the infrastructure is in place in regard to the terms of the cables and other technology.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra asked if we have an inventory of places that would be a fit for this type of Center.

Ms. Taylor stated that the EDC is in the process of creating an inventory, as there are many properties still to be added to the list.

Legislator Othmer stated that when he had attended the NYSAC Conference in 2010, it was explained to him exactly what a Call Center is. He had learned that upstate New York had established a Call Center, which was done by converting a vacant building into a Call Center. This really helped the people in Corning and Elmira, New York, due to the fact that it has created approximately 800 jobs. Legislator Othmer feels that this is a great opportunity, and appreciates Megan looking into this project.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated that there are different types of Call Centers such as In Bound, as well as Out Bound, and we need to see which type is most suited for us. There is also a Consumer Contact Center as well.

Legislator DiCarlo asked what would be the advantage of a call center coming here.

Ms. Taylor stated that it has been said that Putnam would be a good location for this type of facility due to the prices of the property.

Legislator Othmer stated that disabled Veterans as well as disabled Americans would be a good choice for employment in this call Center.

Legislator Lobue asked what the salary range was for these types of jobs.

Ms. Taylor stated depending upon what company you are with the ranges can be anywhere from \$30,000.00 - \$50,000.00.

#5) Consolidated Funding Application/Discussion

Commissioner of Planning, Anthony Ruggiero stated that next week there will be a workshop with representatives that will be giving instruction on the application process.

Ms. Taylor stated that this process does give the businessmen a chance to put their applications in, as there were very few applications from Putnam County in the last round of the application process.

#9) Other Business

a) Putnam County IDA/Metal & Glass Solutions, Inc./Comes to Putnam County/Town of Southeast/FYI

Legislator LoBue read a Press Release from Putnam County Industrial Development Agency, which stated that Metal and Glass Solutions Inc. comes to Putnam County Town of Southeast. Mr. Richard Santoski, President of Metal & Glass, indicated that the company will establish a 15,000 square foot production plant on four acres located at 25 Independence Way in the Town of Southeast. This company has been in business for over ten years and is moving to this area from Brooklyn, New York. The firm produces architectural Glass, Metal, Window, Storm Doors and Windowed Walls. The staff will include between 15 and 16 associates. This company will not need Bond Financing, as it is sufficiently financed. Town approval has been given for this structure. On April 1, 2013 a Public Hearing to review the project was held. The project is likely to begin development in 2013.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated there are other businesses opening up around us in Orange County and in other counties as well, we just need to bring some other companies into Putnam County.

Foreclosure Report/FYI was duly noted.

#8) Unemployment Report/FYI

Legislator LoBue stated for the record that the figure reported for last month's Unemployment was incorrect. Legislator LoBue stated that it was reported to be 7.3 and it was actually 9 ½.

#6) First Quarter Residential Real Estate Market Statistics: Putnam & Westchester Counties/FYI

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated that there was an unofficial report that Putnam County is showing 134 sales of single family homes and condominiums compared to 129 last quarter.

There being no further business to discuss, at 6:55 P.M., Legislator Gross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Claire E. Muller, Administrative Assistant.