

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
ROOM #318  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Addonizio & Sayegh**

**Tuesday**

**5:30 PM**

**July 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 P.M. by Chairman Gouldman who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislator Addonizio and Chairman Gouldman were present. Legislator Sayegh was absent. Chairman Gouldman stated Legislator Scuccimarra would sit on the Committee in Legislator Sayegh's absence.

**Item #3 - Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2018**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/Designation/Putnam County Visitor's Bureau Inc./Tourist Promotion Agency**

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to move to the Full Legislative Meeting Approval/Designation/Putnam County Visitor's Bureau Inc./Tourist Promotion Agency; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Approval/Putnam County Tourist Promotion Agency "I Love New York" Matching Funds Program**

Legislator Scuccimarra stated these funds are used for marketing to tourists from outside of Putnam County.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to move to the Full Legislative Meeting Approval/Putnam County Tourist Promotion Agency "I Love New York" Matching Funds Program; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

**Item #6 - Approval/Appointment/Putnam County Industrial Development Agency Board/Cooke**

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to move to the Full Legislative Meeting Approval/Appointment/Putnam County Industrial Development Agency Board/Cooke; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

**Item #7 - FYI/Unemployment Report – Duly Noted.**

**Item #8 - FYI/Foreclosure Report – Duly Noted.**

**Item #9 - Other Business**

**a. Discussion – Memorandum of Support from County Executive Odell – Proposed Philipstown Accelerator Project**

Legislator Scuccimarra made a motion to waive the rules and accept the other business; Seconded by Chairman Gouldman. All in favor.

Legislator Scuccimarra read the following memo from County Executive MaryEllen Odell into the record:

*“I am writing in response to a request to support the first ever "Accelerator" in Putnam County. I agree that there is an unrecognized opportunity to bring new, sophisticated businesses to Putnam County, and this is a great pro-active plan to support "thoughtful" economic growth for Putnam County. We are fortunate to have a designated location for this Accelerator as well as a support grant award of \$100,000 from Galileo Technology Group and a motivated Economic Development team seeking to bring it to life. Although Putnam County supports all projects that promote strong stable economic growth, we do not have the funding in the 2018 budget. However, we will support the concept and would like to see the EDC seek funding from their contacts and supporters.”*

Legislator Scuccimarra stated she has toured the proposed accelerator site and it is a perfect location due to being an hour and a half from New York City and close to Interstate 84.

Legislator Nacerino stated she was very impressed with the presentation at last month’s Economic Development & Energy Committee meeting. She stated she is looking forward to touring the facility in the future.

Chairman Gouldman stated this project is a good idea. He stated if this accelerator moves forward and is successful, another accelerator could be brought in on the eastern side of the county. He stated hopefully it will bring new businesses and tax dollars into the county.

Legislator Scuccimarra added that it could bring new jobs as well.

**Item #6 – IDA Board Appointment – Continued**

Legislator Addonizio requested clarification on the additional information provided by Personnel Director Paul Eldridge.

Director Eldridge stated Chairman of the IDA Board Bill Nulk requested that he look into if there were any ethical conflicts of interest with this prospective board member due to them being involved in organized labor. He stated General Municipal Law specifically allows the appointment of individuals within organized labor. He stated this individual would need to file a financial disclosure form as a member of the IDA Board.

**Item #9a – Other Business – Philipstown Accelerator Project – Continued**

Legislator Scuccimarra made a motion to draft a supporting resolution mirroring County Executive Odell's Memorandum of Support; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

**Item # 10 – Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 5:43 P.M., Chairman Gouldman made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Ed Gordon.