



**Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board**  
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Paul Vickery, Chairman David V. Bottar, Executive Director

## AGENDA

### **2007 Annual Meeting Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board**

Wednesday, December 12, 2007  
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel  
Harbour Ballroom  
6301 Route 298, East Syracuse, New York

*Chair Kathleen Rapp, Presiding*

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| 1. | Welcome                                                                    | Kathleen Rapp                    |
| 2. | Approval of Annual Meeting Agenda / Minutes from the October Board Meeting | Kathleen Rapp                    |
| 3. | Election of Officers                                                       | Don Spaulding                    |
| 4. | Holiday Luncheon                                                           |                                  |
| 5. | Presentation of 22 <sup>st</sup> Annual Rhea Eckel Clark Citizenship Award | Kathleen Rapp/<br>Nicholas Pirro |
| 6. | Executive Director's Annual Report                                         | David Bottar                     |
| 7. | Guest Presentation: Onondaga County Executive – Elect                      | Joanie Mahoney                   |
| 8. | Old / New Business                                                         | Kathleen Rapp                    |
| 9. | Adjournment                                                                | Kathleen Rapp                    |



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## MINUTES

### **CNY RPDB Annual Meeting**

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#### ATTENDANCE

**Board Members:** Daniel Dineen, David Elleman, Mark Lynch, Stephen Lynch, Joe Mareane, Mary Ann Messinger, Jack Miller, Vijay Mital, James Murphy, Ann Petrus, James Rafté, Kathleen Rapp, Danny Ross, Clarence Rycraft, Daniel Schuster, William Southern, Don Spaulding, Walter Tennant, L. Michael Treadwell, and Paul Vickery.

**Guests:** Peggy Adams, Greater Syracuse Business Development Corp.; Warren Albrecht, Cayuga County Water Authority; Joe Allerton; Russ Andrews; John Becker, Town of Sullivan; Phil Berkeley, US Army Corp Engineers; Douglas Bennett, JP Morgan Chase; Eileen Blair, Office of NYS Assemblywoman Christenson; Tom Blanchard, Metropolitan Development Association; Kathy Bowen, Scolaro, Shulman, Cohen, & Fetter; James Burke, NYS DEC; Holly Calderon; Jeff Carmichael, Onondaga County SWCD; Tim Carroll, Director of Operations, Mayor Driscoll's Office; Kathy Campbell, GSBDG; Patricia Cerro-Reehil, NYWEA; David Coburn, Onondaga County Office of the Environment; Jonathan Daniels, Oswego Port Authority; John Dehollander, Oswego County SWCD; Robert DeMore, Supervisor Town of Fabius; Corey Driscoll, Syracuse University; Kathryn Domanico, Representative of Senator Clinton; Dr. Sandy Downey, Syracuse Center of Excellence; John Eallonardo, Onondaga County Dept. Parks and Rec.; Steve Eckler, OB&G Engineers; Ruth Elleman; John Elleman; Jeff Emhoff, Emhoff Associates; Vince Esposito, City of Syracuse Engineering; Barton Feinberg, CB Richard Ellis; John Ferrante, NYS DEC; David Fitch, Metropolitan Water Board; Rick Gell, OB&G Engineers; Tony Geiss, Onondaga Water Authority; Christa Glasier, Representative of Congressman Walsh's Office; Thomas Gillson, Empire State Development Corporation; Christine Gray, Onondaga County Bar Association; Peter Grevelding, O'Brien & Gere; Tim Haley, Carrier Corporation; Robert Hennigan, NYWEA; Jan Hesbon, Finger Lakes Land Trust; Kipp Hicks, Madison County IDA; Mike Hooker, Onondaga Water Authority; Ed Kochian, County Executive's Office; Anthony Kolinski, Empire State Development Corporation; Pam Kopiel, MACNY; Michael Lazar, Town of Dewitt; Art Levy, Office of Senator DeFrancisco; Jack Loveland, COMCO; Russ Lura, Madison County; Ann Madsen, WCNY; Mike Magnusson, Madison County Empire Zone; Joanie Mahoney, Onondaga County Executive Elect; Linda Maar, JP Morgan Chase; Connie Maute, Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce; Caroline May, Onondaga County Dept. of Economics; Karen McDonnell, USDA; Edward Michalenko; Onondaga Environmental Institute; Ed Mills, Cornell University; Russ Nemecek, Onondaga Co. Environmental Health; Paul O'Connor, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Terry Pickard, Onondaga County Water Authority; Lou Pettinelli, COMCO Development

Corporation; Fred Picardi, Onondaga County Water Authority; Nicholas Pirro, Onondaga County Executive; Marcia Rafte; Christianne Radziewicz, VIP Structures; Dick Robb, Town of Dewitt; Mary Robison, City of Syracuse Engineering; Mary Rowlands, B&L Engineers; Eugene Saloga; Amy Samuels, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Kelly Scranton, National Bank of Vernon; W. David Schermerhorn, USDA; Lenore Sealy, CNY Works; Barry Schulman, Scolero, Schulman, Cohen & Fetter; Marty Skahen, Staff of County Executive Elect Mahoney's Office; Kelly Somerlot, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Morris Sorbello; Judy Talbot, Superintendent Oneida Shores County Park; David Tessier, Town of Manlius; Robert Tomeny, Homebuilders Association of CNY; Kaii Torrence, Office of Assemblyman Magnarelli; Bob Trachenberg, CNY TDO; Mary Vanouse, City of Oswego Community Development; Donald Western, Onondaga Co. Dept. of Economic Development; Jenine Wilson, Cayuga County Water Authority.

**Staff:** Kathleen Bertuch, David Bottar, Sarah Bullock, Mario Colon, James D'Agostino, Jason Deshaies, Jennifer Deshaies, Nell Donaldson, Ahmed Ismail, Bruce Keplinger, Sherry Keytack, Danielle Krol, Kristy Lamanche, Lisa Meaney, Karen Novak, Mike Rosanio, Anne Saltman, Theresa Stephen, Paul Thompson, Megan Vitale, and Patricia Wortley.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Kathleen Rapp called the annual meeting to order at 12:55 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel, East Syracuse, New York.

### 2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA/OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Rapp asked if Board members had any changes to the day's agenda and minutes from the October 2007 board meeting. A motion was introduced and seconded to approve the minutes as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

### 3. **PRESENTATION OF THE 2007 RHEA ECKEL CLARK AWARD**

Chair Rapp introduced Onondaga County Executive Nicholas J. Pirro who provided background and historical information on the Rhea Eckel Clark Citizenship Award. Mr. Pirro then announced that this year's recipient of the 2007 Rhea Eckel Clark Award is Mr. David Elleman. Mr. Elleman accepted the award and stated that he was honored to receive this distinguished award and thanked the members of the Board.

### 4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Executive Director David Bottar opened his remarks by thanking the members of the Board, the Executive Committee, and staff for their time and support for the agency's mission and work. Mr. Bottar then spoke briefly about various development activities in the region and highlighted a number of planning, development, and economic endeavors in CNY including Onondaga Lake restoration efforts, the Greek Peak Ski resort in Cortland County, the new biofuel facility in Oswego County, Children's Hospital in Syracuse, the Syracuse Center for

Excellence, Destiny USA, work at the Port of Oswego, the Syracuse near west-side initiative, and finally the Stardust Foundation's revitalization and entrepreneurial efforts in Cayuga County.

Following this regional overview, Mr. Bottar summarized work the CNY RPDB has been engaged in this past year in its major program areas, which include economic development, environmental planning, comprehensive planning, energy, land use, transportation planning, and research and communication services.

Mr. Bottar noted staff focused their project development efforts on completing work on a redevelopment plan for the Carrier manufacturing site in the Town of Dewitt. In addition, worked continued on securing funds for the Finger Lakes East Business Park in Cortland County and Hancock Airpark in Onondaga County. Work was also directed toward administration of the organization's small business lending program - the CNY Enterprise Development Fund, and staff completed the annual update of the Central New York Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

In environmental management, Mr. Bottar noted the agency continued its efforts to help communities implement a stormwater management program in CNY and continued to assist the City of Fulton with their Lake Neatahwanta restoration project. Reference was also made to ongoing staff work with the Oneida Lake Watershed Advisory Council along with ongoing assistance that is being provided to the Onondaga Lake Partnership.

Regarding comprehensive planning, Mr. Bottar mentioned the assistance that has been requested by several communities in CNY including of Phoenix, Pulaski, Sandy Creek, Niles, Scipio and Locke.

Concerning the agency's new energy program, Mr. Bottar noted that CNY RPDB has been chosen by NYSERDA to serve as the regional Energy Smart Coordinator in Central New York.

In the area of transportation planning, it was noted that staff continues to serve the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council. One of the major projects completed this past year by SMTC was a transportation and land use study for the University Hill area in the City of Syracuse.

Mr. Bottar concluded his remarks by noting the agency will have a very active planning program in 2008.

## 5. **FEATURE PRESENTATION**

Mr. Bottar introduced the day's featured speaker, Ms. Joanne Mahoney, Onondaga County Executive - Elect. In her opening remarks, Ms. Mahoney thanked everyone for providing her the opportunity to speak at the CNY RPDB's annual meeting and congratulated David Elleman on his Rhea Eckel Clark Citizenship award.

Ms. Mahoney noted that her newly elected position with Onondaga County is a significant responsibility and she recognized Joe Mareane and Ed Kochain, who were in the audience, for the role they will play in her new administration.

Ms. Mahoney noted that she was impressed by the work being done by the CNY RPDB and indicated that she will work closely with this office on projects of mutual interest that will impact Onondaga County and communities throughout Central New York. She mentioned also noted that for the entire region to prosper strong bonds must be formed and maintained between Onondaga County and its surrounding counties.

Ms. Mahoney went on to explain her Opportunity Agenda, with one of her main goals being to create opportunities for our children to stay in CNY. The four main items on Ms. Mahoney's Opportunity Agenda include, 1) reducing taxes, 2) providing safe neighborhoods, 3) providing educational opportunities, and 4) revitalizing the region.

In her closing remarks, Ms. Mahoney stated that she feels that our economy is showing strength and that she wants to bring stakeholders together from throughout CNY to propel the region forward in the years ahead.

6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chair Rapp asked CNY RPDB Nominating Committee Member Don Spaulding to present his report regarding a slate of offices for the CNY RPDB in 2008.

On behalf of the members of this year's nominating committee, Mr. Spaulding presented the following slate of officers for 2008: for the office of Chair, Kathleen Rapp of Onondaga County; for the office of Vice-Chair, James Rafte of Madison County; for the office of Vice-Chair, Walter Tennant of Cortland County; for the office of Vice-Chair, Ann Petrus of Cayuga County, for the office of Vice-Chair, L. Michael Treadwell of Oswego County, and for the office of Secretary/Treasurer, David Elleman of Onondaga County.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Spaulding's report, Chair Rapp accepted the nominations on behalf of the Board and then asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Mr. Elleman moved acceptance of the 2008 slate of officers as presented by the Nominations Committee, seconded by Mr. Murphy, unanimous approval.

7. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no old or new business to report.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rapp thanked everyone for attending this year's annual meeting and adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.