

# The Legislature of Rockland County



MICHAEL M. GRANT  
Legislator – District 2

Chair, Budget & Finance Committee  
Chair, Economic Development Committee

Members Present:

Leg. M. Grant, Chair  
Leg. H. Cornell  
Leg. I. Schoenberger  
Leg. D. Jobson

Members Absent:

Leg. E. Day  
Leg. A. Paul  
Leg. A. Wieder

Others Present:

Leg. P. Soskin      Leg. C. Carey  
Leg. J. Meyers      N. Doliner  
R. McKay, Esq.      P. Piperato  
Dr. C. Wood          T. Grosselfinger  
M. Klein              S. Porath

**MINUTES**  
***ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE***  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013**  
**6:30 PM**

ROLL CALL

CHAIR GRANT OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:30 PM WITH THE ADOPTION OF MINUTES,  
MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2013

**MOTION TO ADOPT:**

**JOBSON/SCHOENBERGER**

**UNAN**

1. REF. #5614 - APPROVAL OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUFFERN CDC,LLC, RAYMOURS FURNITURE COMPANY, INC. VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO, TOWN OF RAMAPO, RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, AND THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 22 HEMION ROAD (A/K/A 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE) VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO, TOWN OF RAMAPO, IN THE RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, TAX MAP SECTION 55.6, BLOCK 1, LOT 3.1 AND SECTION 55.6 BLOCK 1 LOT 3.2 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE] [PILOT] (S. DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER FINANCE) DL#2013-02191

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**

**SCHOENBERGER/CORNELL**

**UNAN**

**TRANSFER TO B&F 6/25/13**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, SCHOENBERGER, JOBSON**

2. REF. #9481 - DISCUSSION ITEM: OPERATIONAL REVIEW (DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS)  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK  
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

Chair Grant asked County Clerk Paul Piperato if he was able to function with staff levels as they presently exist. The Clerk stated they are working within the budget and should have a surplus. They have 33 staff (4 Archives Department). Clerk Piperato said his office is economy driven. Revenue in the County Clerk's Office is mostly from fees. The office is using e-filing which saves a tremendous amount of time and money (less paper and less storage) and is easier to retrieve records.

Clerk Piperato said his office has expanded their hours Monday through Friday (7 am – 6 pm) at no additional cost by utilizing flexible hours.

The committee thanked County Clerk Piperato for the great job he was doing.

3. REF. #9285 - DISCUSSION ITEM - MID-HUDSON REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
GRANTS AND CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATIONS UPDATE  
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT AND HON. EDWIN J. DAY, LEGISLATURE)

President Wood explained that the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) serves as the entry point for applicants to access up to \$760 million in economic development funding. Governor Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) initiative is now available for Round III to businesses, municipalities, not-for profits and the public. This is a key component of the Governor's efforts to spur economic development and job creation across New York State.

Chair Grant offered the services of the Legislature if there were any resources the County could prepare to support this program.

4. REF. #9498 - DISCUSSION ITEM - TAX-FREE NEW YORK PROGRAM: TRANSFORMING  
UNIVERSITY COMMUNITIES INTO MAGNETS FOR NEW BUSINESSES AND  
INVESTMENT  
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT AND HON. ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER,  
LEGISLATURE)

RCC President Cliff Wood said Gov. Cuomo has given a new name for the plan to set up tax-free zones on SUNY college campuses in New York. The SUNY Tax-Free Areas to Revitalize and Transform Upstate New York plan, or START-UP NY, has replaced "Tax-Free NY". The goal is still the same...companies that set up shop on college campuses would not have to pay property, sales or income taxes for ten years. Employees that work at these companies would not have to pay state income tax for five years. Through this program the hope is to transform vacant campus space and land into new jobs for thousands of unemployed New Yorkers.

President Wood said there is a Long Island company that manufactures 3 dimensional design and manufacturing products that is interested in signing up with RCC and he has a meeting next week with them. President Wood promised to keep the committee updated.

**NOTE: TAX-FREE NY HAS BEEN CHANGED TO START-UP NY**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 7:15 PM  
JOBSON/SCHOENBERGER**

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