

# The Legislature of Rockland County



MICHAEL M. GRANT  
Majority Leader  
Legislator – District 2

Chair, Economic Development Committee

**Members Present:**

Leg. M. Grant, Chair  
Leg. I. Schoenberger  
Leg. A. Paul, Vice Chair  
Leg. E. Day  
Leg. D. Jobson  
Leg. A. Wieder, Late

**Members Absent:**

Leg. Chairwoman Cornell

**Others Present:**

N. Doliner      S. Mathews  
A. Pinzow      R. Moshier  
E. Yeger, Esq.      A. Samuels  
R. Levine      S. Daly  
L. Incalcaterra      C. Nowicki  
Leg. N. Low-Hogan

## MINUTES

### *ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013

5:30 PM

#### ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES- MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

**MOTION TO ADOPT:  
SCHOENBERGER/DAY**

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1. REF. #9363 - *DISCUSSION ITEM: MID-HUDSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS (LEG. EDWIN J. DAY, LEGISLATURE)*

Chairman Grant opened the discussion.

Legislator Day stated that he asked for a discussion because he was disappointed by the small number of awards Rockland received from the state.

Al Samuels explained the organization of the Economic Development Councils. Criteria for funding are created for every project. In speaking with other Council members, it seemed that in other regions elected officials played an active role in the process.

Every County Executive is an ex-officio member, and County Executive's across New York State have a representative that attends meetings and functions that is highly specialized in Economic Development. In Rockland, the County Executive has sent different representatives – not with economic development experience. Rockland's elected officials need to be more involved.

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**January 23, 2013**

A major manufacturing project has begun in the Hudson Valley, and part of that includes placing a center in Haverstraw. Despite economic development opportunities in Rockland, out of \$159 million given out to the region so far, Rockland received only \$3 million.

The third round of funding will begin in June and money will be disbursed in December.

Leg. Schoenberger noted issues that exist that negatively impact applications, including communication, interactions, and knowledge of the process.

Legislator Day stated that a more dynamic and active approach to economic development is necessary in order to yield success. The County Executive and Legislature need to be partners in pursuing funding, along with towns and villages.

**ACTION: COUNTY EXECUTIVE WILL APPOINT A DESIGNEE WHO HAS STANDING IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.**

**ACTION: COUNTY EXECUTIVE WILL PROVIDE A FORMAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR ROUND THREE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S AWARDS.**

Legislators Wieder and Jobson thanked Mr. Samuels for his efforts.

Sean Mathews stated that he is the County Executive's designee for economic development, and has years of economic development experience.

Chairman Grant explained how information on the Economic Development Councils and funding could be obtained.

**DISCUSSED**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:40 PM**  
**DAY/SCHOENBERGER**

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