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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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**Essex County IDA Special Board Meeting
July 1, 2021 at 10:00 AM
7566 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY**

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| Present: | <p>John Boyea (via conference call)
Jamie Rogers (via conference call)
James Bowen (via conference call)
Roy Holzer
James Monty</p> | Also Present: | <p>Carol Calabrese
Sarah LaFountain</p> |
| Absent: | <p>Darren Darrah
Matthew Courtright</p> | | |

Open of Meeting

Secretary/Treasurer Jamie Rogers opened the meeting at 10:04 AM.

Town of North Elba COVID-19 Business Emergency Grant Program

- 1. Grant Review Committee Recommendations:
- Adirondack Foot Sanctuary - \$15,000 (Requested \$15,000)
- Dancing Yogini LLC, dba The Studio Upstate - \$15,000 (Requested \$15,000)
- Enuf Chocolates, LLC \$14,700 (Requested \$14,700)
- Sara Placid Inn & Suites - \$14,200 (Requested \$14,200)
- Just Bead It, LLC - \$8,000 (Requested \$15,000)
- Sleeping Bear LLC, dba Adirondack Popcorn - \$5,000 (Requested \$15,000)
- Keyes Financial Group - \$0 (Requested \$15,000)

The Grant Review Committee that the IDA appointed, met on June 29, 2021, to evaluate and score each application. Carol Calabrese said part of the discussion with the Grant Review Committee was if any committee member felt there may be a “conflict of interests” and how to evaluate and proceed with the process. Carol also asked the committee to take notes.

The IDA Board had questions regarding Keyes Financial and the reasoning behind receiving \$0 in grant funding. As the Grant Review noted “Keyes Financial received the lowest ranking and it was agreed that he really didn’t suffer an injury even though his revenues were down, since they were still quite high and he got a considerable amount of other monies.”

Jamie Rogers recluded himself.

Motion #2021-54: A motion to approve the Town of North Elba COVID-19 Business Emergency Grant Review Committee Recommendations as follows: Adirondack Foot Sanctuary - \$15,000, Dancing Yogini LLC, dba The Studio Upstate - \$15,000, Enuf Chocolates, LLC \$14,700, Sara Placid Inn & Suites - \$14,200, Just Bead It, LLC - \$8,000, Sleeping Bear LLC, dba Adirondack Popcorn - \$5,000 and Keyes Financial

Group - \$0 was made by Roy Holzer and seconded by James Monty. John Boyea – Yes, James Bowen – Yes. Motion passes.

Witherbee Carriage House

The IDA staff received an email from Patricia Christian requesting a release on one of the lakefront access properties that the IDA has a lien on. The balance of the IDA loan is \$11,488.27. Witherbee Carriage House is also seeking a release of another lot from Lake Champlain Lake George RDC with a \$38,846.71 loan balance and Schroon Lake RLF with a \$11,254.37 loan balance. The IDA will still hold a co-proportional lien on the Witherbee Carriage House restaurant building and 2 other lakefront access properties with LCLGRDC and Schroon Lake RLF.

Motion #2021-55: A motion to approve a release on one of the lakefront access lots that the IDA holds a lien on to the Witherbee Carriage House was made by James Bowen and seconded by Jamie Rogers. All members were in favor.

Website – Update

IDA staff updated the board on the website development and requested a second RFP from Ken Hughes owner of The McMan consulting. Unfortunately, Ken Hughes was unable to assist the IDA at this time and issued a no bid to the RFP.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion #2021-56: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 AM was made by James Monty and seconded by Roy Holzer. All members were in favor.