

ESSEX COUNTY IN THE PARK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Essex County IDA Special Board Meeting March 16, 2023 at 1:00PM 7566 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY 12932

Present:

Darren Darrah (Via Zoom)

Also Present:

Jody Olcott

Jamie Rogers (Via Telephone)

Carol Calabrese

James Bowen (Via Zoom) Matthew Courtright (Via Zoom)

Absent:

John Boyea

James Monty

Roy Holzer

This special meeting was scheduled to discuss the Town of North Elba 2023 Main Street Construction and Economic Hardship Business Emergency Grant Program and any other business to come before the board.

Open of Meeting

Chairman Darren Darrah opened the meeting at 1:05PM.

Town of North Elba 2023 Main Street Construction Economic Hardship Business Emergency Grant **Program**

The LEAF committee was copied on the letter from Rory Lustberg, owner of Wyatt's in Lake Placid who did not participate in the required micro-enterprise training class but would like consideration to apply for grant program. LEAF committee contacted IDA and shared their thoughts that they would encourage North Elba business owners to apply and wondered if the IDA would consider without compromising the IDA's rules and regulations, allowing the 3 businesses who contacted the IDA after the required micro-enterprise training class on March 4, 2023 ended and did not meet that requirement to be eligible to apply for grant program. The micro-enterprise training class requirement was included in the press release issued on February 21, 2023 and distributed to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise newspaper, and shared by the Lake Placid Visitors Bureau and the Lake Placid Business Association. In addition, it was discussed at the Public Meeting held on March 1, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Lake Placid Town Hall. Three businesses contacted the IDA after the class was held. IDA Board discussed at length the micro-enterprise training class requirement and the policy and procedures that were submitted in the grant application to LEAF committee and once grant was received, approved by IDA Board of Directors. The micro-enterprise training class requirement was noted in all previous correspondence regarding eligibility for application.

Motion #2023-7: A motion to deny request to vary from micro-enterprise training class requirement for LEAF grant as per grant guidelines that were previously approved was made by Jamie Rogers and seconded by Darren Darrah. All members were in favor.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion #2023-8: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:32PM was made by James Bowen and seconded by Jamie Rogers. All members were in favor.