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Essex County IDA Special Board Meeting  
April 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM  
7566 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY

**Present:** John Boyea  
Jamie Rogers  
James Bowen  
Matthew Brassard

**Also Present:** Carol Calabrese  
Jen Briggs  
Sarah LaFountain

**Absent:** Darren Darrah  
Matthew Courtright  
Stephen McNally

This meeting was scheduled to discuss the Town of Moriah Microenterprise Grant Program, War Cannon Spirits, LLC and any other business to come before the board.

**Open of Meeting**

Chairman Jamie Rogers opened the meeting at 10:13 AM.

**Public Comment**

No comment

**Town of Moriah Microenterprise Grant Program**

1. Grant Review Committee Recommendations – Two applications were received for the Town of Moriah Microenterprise Grant Program. The IDA staff emailed the grant review committee's recommendations and scores to the IDA board for review. The applications for the grant program were Hunter Way Farm and Vintage Reimagined. The Grant Review Committee is recommending both applicants to receive the max amount of \$5,000.

**Motion #2026-37:** A motion to approve the Town of Moriah Microenterprise Grant Program Grant Review Committee's recommendations as follows: Hunter Way Farm (\$5,000) and Vintage Reimagined (\$5,000) was made by John Boyea and seconded by James Bowen. All members were in favor.

**War Cannon Spirits: Request for Loan Modification**

War Cannon Spirits is requesting that the current principal balance of their loan with the Essex County IDA be re-amortized with a new seven-year term to lower monthly payments and improve cash flow. War Cannon Spirits is in year 4 of a 7 year term loan repayment. The business has been a very good loan client over the past 4 years. The balance of the

loan is \$67,547.11. Paul Besignano's primary job is now War Cannon Spirits, which is giving him the time to focus solely on moving towards the production phase in Ticonderoga and the event space at the Crown Point restaurant. In the past month the business has received 15 inquiries for bookings at the event space.

**Motion #2026-38:** A motion to approve War Cannon Spirits request for re-amortizing the current principal balance of \$67,547.11 at 4% interest for 7 years was made by Matthew Brassard and seconded by James Bowen. All members were in favor.

**Adjourn Meeting**

**Motion #2026-39:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 AM was made by Jamie Rogers and seconded by John Boyea. All members were in favor.