

**Planning & Development Committee**  
**October 8, 2013**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair Barry Ormsby, Legislators Robert Thomas, Philip Reed, Allen Drake, John Peck, Michael Behling, Robert Ferris, Chairwoman Carolyn Fitzpatrick

**Others Present:** Legislators Michael Docteur, Michael Astafan, Scott Gray, Jennie Adsit, Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Michael Kaskan, County Attorney David Paulsen, Planning Director Don Canfield, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Treasurer Accountant Anne Converse, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Daniel Flatley, Secretary Torri Richmire

Chairman Ormsby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor. The minutes of the September meeting were approved without objection or correction.

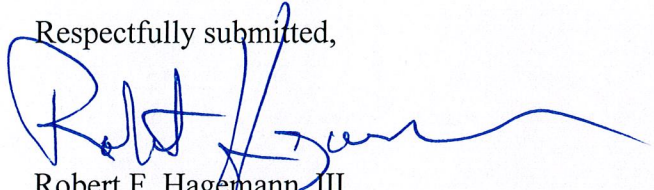
Dr. Raymond Petersen and Joel LaLone, Jefferson Community College, Center for Community Studies, presented the committee with results of the first biennial Jefferson-Lewis County Regional Economic Tracking Survey. Mr. Lalone stated that this survey was conducted for two primary reasons, to use the quality-of-life-indicators model and apply it with an economic indicator focus and to assist the North Country Regional Economic Development Council in identifying and planning future initiatives, as well as evaluate the impact of recent initiatives. He reported that the telephone survey was conducted April 3-9, 2013 by Jefferson Community College students who randomly called landline and cell phone numbers of Jefferson and Lewis County residents resulting in 684 participants.

The combined percentage results of Lewis and Jefferson County residents are: 86% have Internet access, 35% are satisfied with the availability of rental housing, 80% believe it very important to keep Northern New York college graduates living and working locally, 37% who own a business would be more likely to expand if they had access to a business incubator, 81% support increased childcare and preschool services and 62% are currently employed. The survey result that both Dr. Peterson and Mr. LaLone found most surprising is that 55% of participants age 18-29 plan to still be living here 5 years from now.

Chairman Ormsby introduced a resolution approving Appointment and Re-Appointment to the Sports Fishery Advisory Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Thomas. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Legislator Peck reminded committee members of the Soil and Water Conservation District Fall Tour on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, on a motion by Legislator Thomas seconded by Legislator Peck and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board