

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Jonke & Montgomery

Wednesday

August 17, 2022

(Immediately following the Rules Committee Meeting beginning at 6:00PM)

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 P.M. by Chairman Gouldman who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Montgomery and Chairman Gouldman were present. Legislator Jonke was absent, and Legislator Castellano sat on the Committee.

Item #3 - Approval of Minutes – July 12, 2022 Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/Designation/County of Putnam/Tourist Promotion Agency

Legislator Montgomery questioned that this is for the I Love New York Program funding and can only be used for promotion outside of the county.

Tourism Director Tracey Walsh stated that is correct, it is used to draw revenue from outside of the county.

Legislator Montgomery questioned how we can get the State to realize that other support is needed. She stated her district has enough people coming in and needs infrastructure support. She stated her district does not have the health and safety resources to manage the tourists they have.

Director Walsh stated these concerns are similar to what Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley expressed. She stated businesses need support as well as the residents. She stated she would be happy to have a discussion about it. She stated the I Love New York funding is the only money they are allocated. She stated there could be other grant funding. She noted that the businesses that are in Legislator Montgomery's district, but outside of the Village of Cold Spring, appreciate this promotion.

Legislator Montgomery stated those businesses would support infrastructure funding.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Designation/County of Putnam/Tourist Promotion Agency; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #5 - FYI/Unemployment Report – Duly Noted

Item #6 - Other Business – Duly Noted

Item #7 - Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:02 P.M., Chairman Gouldman made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Ed Gordon.