

A Joint Town Board/Village Board Meeting was held Wednesday March 25, 2009 at the Malone Town Offices, 27 Airport Road, Malone, New York, commencing at 5:00pm, for the purpose of reviewing the Economic Development Plan prepared by Camoin Associates.

PRESENT for the Town: Supervisor Howard Maneely  
Deputy Supervisor Paul Walbridge  
Councilor Louise Taylor  
Councilor John Sullivan

ABSENT from Town: Councilor Irving Caplan

PRESENT for the Village: Deputy Mayor Todd LePine  
Trustee Lenora Richards  
Trustee Susan Hafter

ABSENT from Village: Mayor Brent Stewart  
Trustee Dailon Patnode

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Ellis, ANCA, Tupper Lake  
Chris LaBarge, Malone  
Frank Cositore, Malone  
John McCarthy, Malone  
Jean Pond, Malone  
Andrea Dumas, Malone

Bryon Varin, County Treasurer  
Jack Brown, Malone  
Mark Gonyea, Malone  
Veronica King, Malone  
Hugh Hill, Malone  
Connie Jenkins, Malone Telegram  
Denise Raymo, Press-Republican

At 6:00pm Supervisor Maneely, serving as the presiding officer, called the Joint Meeting to order.

Supervisor Maneely offered thanks, on behalf of the Town and Village, to Jim Ellis of ANCA, Rob Camoin, Ben Zimmerman and Carmen Lorenz of Camoin Associates, the Economic Development Plan Committee, and all who participated in the creation of the Plan.

Rob Camoin offered a power point presentation, following the format of the new plan. The Vision Statement, he explained, is meant to be a projection of what Malone will become if we adhere to tenets of the plan. Among the goals noted are increased and improved recreational opportunities and tourism and a revitalized downtown and riverfront. He said that over time the vision may modify and become more focused. He suggested Malone develop a “brand” – something by which the community will be identified and set it apart from others.

Mr. Camoin acknowledged that implementation of the plan is the tough part. He said Malone needs to establish and/or strengthen local capacity (funding, workforce, planning services), to move toward the stated goals. He said we need to incorporate all available resources in the process, including schools and colleges, government entities, private enterprise, grant opportunities and volunteers.

Jim Ellis asked that the Town and Village look beyond themselves to establish a unified and county-wide effort toward economic advancement. He highlighted some successes in the southern part of our county, especially Tupper Lake and Saranac Lake and suggested we learn from and join with them toward common goals. He said that \$30 – 40 thousand, spent at the county level for planning services, would help immensely. He added that if this plan is approved by both Town and Village of Malone, he will approach the Franklin County Board of Legislators with regard to planning services.

**Town of Malone:**

\* On the motion of Deputy Supervisor Walbridge, with a second thereto by Councilor Taylor, that the Town Board approve and adopt the *Town and Village of Malone Economic Development Plan* as presented.

**CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR (4-0).**

**Village of Malone:**

\* On the motion of Deputy Mayor LePine, with a second thereto by Trustee Richards That the Village Board approve and adopt the *Town and Village of Malone Economic Development Plan* as presented.

**CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR (3-0).**

At 5:45pm, on the motion of Deputy Supervisor Walbridge with a second thereto by Councilor Sullivan, there being no further business to come before the combined Boards at this time, that the Joint Town and Village meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED WITH ALL TOWN AND VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Susan M. Hafter  
Malone Town Clerk  
April 8, 2009