

Community Development Coordinator Report

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St Lawrence County Planning Office:

The St Lawrence County Planning Office sends a list of Grants currently available.

Previous:

Tourism Cares' Worldwide Grant Program

This program distributes grant to tourism-related non-profit organizations for capital ("brick-and-mortar") improvements to protect, restore, or conserve sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance. John Burns has investigated this grant to be used for a new roof on the SOS building and is planning on submitting a letter of interest.

Association of Towns and Villages:

I attended the annual meeting of the Association of Towns and Villages in Manhattan Feb 14-17 as the Town of Fine Delegate. There were 17 resolutions, and I voted in support of all 17. I can give you a copy of the resolutions if you would like. While there, I attend the Adirondack Regional Interest session. Although interesting, I do not believe this session could help out the Towns of Clifton or Fine as it was talking of how you could sell carbon credits for the forest lands that you own. While there I also stopped by the NYSERTA booth and talked of possible grants or programs. Mark Hall had brought up the idea of changing out the lights in the Arena to more energy saving lights. I was able to get the name of a NYSERTA Rep to contact in our region that I must follow up with.

Smart Growth Grant:

On Feb 25 I had a meeting with the Hiring Committee of this position. The Annual Report was finalized and submitted to the DEC. I have copies of this report if you want to see it. We also discussed what the priorities for his position should be in the next year.

Facebook J&L Cause:

Kenny Dolan has developed a Facebook Cause sight, which he has named Clean Up J&L. Please sign on, and get your friends to sign on. This is an excellent way to publicize the facts of J&L outside our little community, and keep everyone informed of the progress being made. It was created last week and is already up to 246 members.

Steel Magnolias:

On March 4, I attended the performance of Steel Magnolias which played at the CF Community Center. It was an excellent performance, with all proceeds going to the Forever Wild PlayPark. The Community Center was filled well. There are 3 planned performances for this summer, again with all proceeds going to the Forever Wild PlayPark. Please come and bring a friend.

Logo:

I contacted North County Design to see if they would be interested in designing Town Logo's for us. I sent him the Logo's that the students at Clifton-Fine Central School had put together for us. He quoted the price of \$200 per logo. This seems very inexpensive to me. I also asked about website design work. He said he would put together a proposal for me to bring to the Boards. I will also call around to other designers to get cost estimates.

Waterfront Advisory Committee:

I contacted both Brookfield Power and National Grid for information on grants or contributions for moving the utility pole in the back of the Clifton Community Center. So far, National Grid has not returned my calls, but Brookfield Power seems interested, and would like a one page description of our project from the CF Economic Development Corporation.

Back in October I contacted WalMart to see if they would be interested in contributing to our PlayPark. Their funding for the year had been spent, but they asked me to check back in, in February. I contacted them and received an application. They seem excited about our project, and have asked include a description of the project which I am doing now.

Local Government Days:

On March 23 and 24 I will be attending the Adirondack Park Local Government Day to be held at the Crown Plaza Resort in Lake Placid. A Conference Session has been developed, called "Community Planning and Organizing," and they have asked me to speak along with Jim LaValley of Tupper Lake, about building support for community projects.

On April 1, I will be attending The Tug Hill Commission Local Government Conference at Jefferson Community College.