

LAKE CHAMPLAIN – LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Special Meeting

April 15, 2022

Immediately following LCLGRP Executive Committee meeting (3:00 pm)

Physical Location:

Conference Room

Lake Champlain – Lake George Regional Planning Board Office

1 Lower Amherst Street

Lake George, NY

Online option:

Zoom (please contact beth.gilles@lclgrpb.org for login information)

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Approval of March 30, 2022 minutes
3. Discussion of CDBG grant application for Assistance to Daycares
4. Other
5. Adjourn

Chairman O'Brien called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Al Nolette

Christy Wilt

John Strough

Dave O'Brien

Beth Gilles

Glen Cutter

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Bessette

Jon Mattingly

APPROVAL OF MARCH 30, 2022 MINUTES

Chairman O'Brien asked if there were any changes to the March 30, 2022 as mailed.

Hearing no changes or corrections, Chairman O'Brien asked for a motion to approve minutes as mailed.

Motioned by Mr. Nolette.

Seconded by Mr. Strough.

Hearing no further discussion and objections, motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF CDBG GRANT APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO DAYCARES

Ms. Gilles informed the board that CDBG is generally only opened to local municipalities, but they have an excess amount of CARES Act funding that they have been unable to distribute, and they have opened the program to non-profits. A potential project for the RDC is to develop a grant and technical assistance program for daycare startups in our five counties. The money will be used for working capital and equipment, funding to get all certifications which costs about \$1,000, and training classes for business owners. Ms. Gilles would like to apply for the grant through the RDC because it's a non-profit. It's approximately a 1-1.5-year project.

Mr. Strough supports the project as daycare is tied to work force availability and daycares are in short supply. Warren County has put some money towards the daycare system. It is greatly needed to boost economic and workforce development especially in the North country. Ms. Gilles explained the grant she will apply for is between \$300,000 and \$500,000. Mr. O'Brien asked the maximum amount that you can apply for, and Ms. Gillis believes it's \$1,000,000.

Mr. Nolette made a motion to apply for a CDBG grant to support daycares within the region up to \$500,000.

Seconded by Mr. Cutter.

Hearing no further discussion and no opposed, motion carries.

Having heard no other business to come before the committee, Chairman O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 3:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Bessette, Administrative Assistant, LCLGRP.