**North Country Alliance Local Development Corporation**

**Education and Outreach Committee**

**January 30, 2024**

**Minutes**

The North Country Alliance Local Development Corporation held a meeting of the Education and Outreach Committee on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 11:00 AM via WebEx.

**Present:** Jeremy Evans, Chair**,** Michelle Capone, Ben Dixon, Carol Calabrese, Christy Wilt, Deb Alvarado, Dave Zembiec, Manna Doyle, Matt Siver

The meeting began at 11:00 AM.

M. Capone presented the 2023 Education and Outreach Agenda to the committee to review for 2024. M. Capone provided the summary of priorities from the North Country Chamber of Commerce. She also shared that many of the issues on our Agenda mirror the issues within the North Country Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan.

The group agreed that we should break out affordable housing as a stand-alone issue, and mirror the Regional Council’s strategy for a new fund and technical assistance.

The group agreed to keep affordable childcare and workforce development as a priority.

The group discussed the parity in funding to all state colleges. Ben Dixon said that we should support all colleges, however it was agreed that the legislature only funds state and community colleges.

C. Calabrese said that we should look at supporting changes to application scoring at the state level for hamlets in the Adirondacks. Climate justice and other scoring requirements go against communities in the Park.

J. Evans stated that we should keep tourism in the agenda, especially looking at short-term rentals. B. Dixon stated that he would take a stab at the language for the Agenda.

D. Zembiec was going to take a look at the cross-border language for the Agenda.

There was further discussion about creating a separate sheet with federal issues. J. Evans was going to run this by the board.

M. Capone was directed to coordinate with elected officials to share the Agenda with them.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.