

Village of Balsam Lake  
Smart Growth & Economic Development Commission  
Monday March 9, 2015 11:00 am – 12:10 pm

Meeting called to order by Jeff Reed.

Members present: Jeff Reed, Caroline Rediske, Josh Hallberg.

Volunteer members present: Chris Sondrol, Steve Williams, Ryan Flaherty, Roger Kiemele

Discussion was held on filling out an application for the Connect Communities program. This program is similar to the Main Street program and an application was previously submitted in prior years. Steve Healy will evaluate the previous application and submit the current year application before the April deadline.

Discussion was held with Herb & Dave Dirks on a proposed bulk dry food store location. At this time they own their own heating and cooling business and are leasing a location in the Village of Milltown. Within that same building they plan on opening a bulk dry food store within the next month. Locating a bulk dry food store in Balsam Lake is not out of the question and they would be interested in any proposals Balsam Lake has to offer. They would need 2000 square feet for the bulk food store and 1,000 square feet for the heating and cooling business. They would be interested in leasing the space. The committee will visit a bulk dry food store in Barron. The Dirk brothers will work on a business plan and another meeting will be set up for further discussion. Chris Nelson stated that if a 6,000 square foot building was constructed with space for three tenants with signed leases the Village would have a good chance that a developer would be interested in constructing a building.

Motion by Steve Williams to adjourn. Seconded by Josh Hallberg. Carried.

Lori Duncan, Village Clerk Treasurer