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**MINUTES
COLUMBIA COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, April 15, 2019
67 State Route 23
Town of Claverack, New York**

The public hearing of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency held at A.B.Shaw Firehouse, 67 State Route 23, in the Town of Claverack, New York on April 15, 2019. The hearing was called to order at 8:30am by Carmine Pierro, Chairman.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Nina Fingar-Smith	Board Member	Present	
Brian Keeler	Board Member	Present	
Carmine Pierro	Chairman	Present	
Sidney Richter	Vice-Chairman	Present	
Sarah Sterling	Secretary	Present	
Theodore Guterman II	Counsel	Present	
F. Michael Tucker	President/CEO	Present	
Lisa Drahushuk	Administrative Supervisor	Present	
Martha Lane	Business Development Specialist	Present	
Jordan McComb	Taconic Hills School District	Present	
John Frishkopf	Drumlin Field	Present	
Brett Mattingly	Drumlin Field	Present	

Mr. Pierro opened the hearing. He noted the purpose of the public hearing was to gather comments and opinions about the project from the public. He reminded the attendees the Town of Claverack had approved the project on June 4, 2018. He asked John Frishkopf from Drumlin Field to give an overview of the project to the audience.

Mr. Frishkopf stated the facility would be a field to glass operation producing 10,000 cases per year. He noted the 80 acres would be farmed, with plantings of grapes and apples. He reviewed the process, noting the production area would be 20,000 square feet in size. Mr. Frishkopf stated the site would contain a distillery and tasting room. He noted the site would welcome visitors and have space for picnicking and serve a limited menu. He anticipated breaking ground this summer and opening for customers in late spring 2020. Mr. Pierro thanked Mr. Frishkopf and asked if there were any public comments.

Jordan McComb stated he was representing the Taconic Hills School District. He stated the district was excited about the project, and would be contacting the business in the near future to discuss ways to incorporate educational collaboration.

Mike Tucker stated Columbia Economic Development Corporation had indicated their support of the project. He noted the Columbia County Board of Supervisors had also indicated their support by approving the submission of a CDBG application on their behalf. Mr. Tucker stated the Town of Claverack had approved the site plan and the SEQR had been completed. He noted the project was consistent with the Governor's craft beverage initiative as well as the county's service industry.

Sidney Richter asked the amount of the current school taxes. Mr. Tucker stated they were currently below \$10,000. He noted the distributed cost benefit analysis was not the final version. He stated the current PILOT numbers had not been inserted. He stated the corrected numbers would be included in the Board packet at the next meeting.

With no further comments from the public or board, Mr. Pierro closed the public hearing at 8:42am.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Draushuk