



**DRAFT Minutes of the Regulatory Programs Committee Meeting  
March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The committee meeting convened at approximately 2:15 pm on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

**Regulatory Programs Committee Members Present**

Chair Daniel Wilt, Arthur Lussi, John Ernst, Ken Lynch, and Kisha Santiago-Martinez (DOS)

**Other Members and Designees Present**

Brad Austin, Randy Young (DEC), Zoe Smith, Andrea Hogan, Mark Hall.

**Local Government Review Board Present**

Gerald Delaney, Executive Director

**Agency Staff Present**

Terry Martino, Executive Director; Christopher Cooper, Counsel; Robert Lore, Deputy Director of Regulatory Programs; Ariel Lynch, Environmental Program Specialist 2

**Approval of Draft Committee Minutes for February 2021**

A motion to approve the draft committee minutes was made by Mr. Ernst, and seconded by Mr. Lynch. All were in favor.

**Regulatory Programs Report (Robert Lore)**

Mr. Lore first reported out on the division's review of solar projects, as they remain the newest high visibility projects. One of the projects discussed at prior meetings called for the installation of a 20-megawatt solar facility on approximately 100 acres of a 255-acre property in the Town of Ticonderoga. Since the last Agency meeting, there are no additional updates for the project, other than noting that Agency staff continue to coordinate with the applicant in working towards a complete application.

Mr. Lore noted that at the last Agency meeting, he also reported on the proposed installation of a 5-megawatt solar facility to be sited on approximately 43 acres in the Town of Ticonderoga. The application was determined complete last month.

Mr. Lore stated that the division recently reviewed and will be issuing a permit this month for the installation of a 78-foot monopole tower to be concealed as an 83-foot tall simulated tree in the Town of Indian Lake. In what is typical for these projects, staff dedicated a considerable amount of time reviewing the visuals to determine that the proposed project met the Agency's tower policy. Prior to using the delegated authority, Mr. Lore discussed this project with the Chair of the Regulatory Committee Dan Wilt who concurred with the staff's findings.

At last month's meeting Mr. Lore also reported on the proposed re-development of the existing cell science center in North Elba. The proposed project calls for the construction of new buildings as well as remodeling the existing structure. Agency staff determined the application complete this week and will be bringing it to the board next month.

**P2018-0123 (NY Land and Lakes Development LLC (Ariel Lynch))**

Ms. Lynch gave an extensive and detailed overview and presentation of the project over a two day period including review of jurisdiction, conclusions of law, a description of and slides of the project location and the existing conditions, site history, proposed project details, visual analysis slides, public comment, review by others, and staff's recommendation and permit conditions.

The complete presentation is available at:

<https://nysapa.granicus.com/videos/558/player?autoplay=0&start=955&stop=99900> (Thursday)

and

<https://nysapa.granicus.com/videos/559/player?autoplay=0&start=0&stop=8860> (Friday)

A motion for approval with conditions was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Tebo. Four members voted in favor of approving the project, Mr. Ernst abstained.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 2:33 pm on Friday, March 12, 2021.