

County of Albany

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112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

6:15 PM

Held Remotely

Conservation, Sustainability and Green Initiatives **Committee**

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

CURRENT BUSINESS:

2. AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO TAKE INITIAL REVIEW ACTIONS TO DETERMINE SEQR LEAD AGENCY STATUS REGARDING THE SOLAR INSTALLATION PROJECT (RADAR TOWER SITE)

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Meeting Minutes

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PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Present: William Reinhardt, Matthew J. Miller, Merton D. Simpson, Victoria Plotsky, Samuel I. Fein, Patrice Lockart, Peter B. Tunny and Frank J. Commisso

Excused: Beroro T. Efekoro

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made that the previous meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

3. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF SARATOGA COUNTY FOR THE REMOVAL OF INVASIVE SPECIES AT THE ANN LEE POND AND AMENDING THE 2021 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONSERVATION AND PLANNING BUDGET

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF SARATOGA COUNTY FOR THE REMOVAL OF INVASIVE SPECIES AT VARIOUS COUNTY LOCATIONS

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BERGMANN ASSOCIATES REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTYWIDE CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NYSEDA OFFSHORE WIND PROGRAM



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DANIEL C. LYNCH, ESQ.
DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 2, 2021

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Office of the County Executive is requesting the Legislature's authorization to adopt the County Department of Economic Development, Conservation, and Planning's State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) determination for the proposed solar installation at 897 Watervliet-Shaker Road (The Radar Tower Site). The finding made on March 2, 2021 show that this project should be listed as a SEQR Type 1. Therefore, I am requesting authorization for the county to seek lead agency for the project.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-2342, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Requesting Authorization to Seek SEQR Lead Agency Status

Date:	3/2/2021
Submitted By:	Lucas Rogers
Department:	County Executive
Title:	Policy Analyst
Phone:	518-447-5566
Department Rep.	
Attending Meeting:	Lucas Rogers

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual

Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

Change Order/Contract Amendment

Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)

Lease (Equipment/Supplies)

Requirements

Professional Services

Education/Training

Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

Settlement of a Claim

Release of Liability

Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Click or tap here to enter text.

Scope of Services: Click or tap here to enter text.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No

If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No

Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.
Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.
Appropriation Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.
State: Click or tap here to enter text.
County: Click or tap here to enter text.
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) Click or tap here to enter text.
Length of Contract: Click or tap here to enter text.

Impact on Pending Litigation Yes No
If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lucas Rogers
CC:
FROM: Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner
DATE: March 2, 2021
RE: SEQR Compliance
SUBJECT: Solar installation at 897 Watervliet Shaker Rd.

The project includes the design and construction of a solar installation on the southern portion of the 33.9 acre County-owned property at 897 Watervliet Shaker Road in the Town of Colonie. The installation would be a 3.21 Megawatt solar farm with 4.091 gigawatt hours of annual production. The County will be the sole off-taker or the power to offset County electricity use via a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

As described above, this project has been determined to be a Type I Action under 6 NYCRR Part 617 SEQRA 617.4 (b)(9). Accordingly, the county must take steps to seek and establish lead agency status, coordinate a review with involved agencies, prepare a determination of significance, and comply with all necessary notifications consistent with review as a Type I action.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call me at your convenience.