



Adirondack Park Agency

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Draft Minutes of the Park Policy and Planning Committee **May 13, 2021**

The Committee convened at approximately 1:11 PM.

Park Policy and Planning Committee Members Present:

John Ernst, Chair, Andrea Hogan, Zoe Smith, Brad Austin (ESD)

Other Members and Designees Present:

Matt Tebo (DOS), Joe Zalewski (DEC), Mark Hall, Art Lussi

Agency Staff Present:

Terry Martino, Executive Director; Chris Cooper, Counsel; Rick Weber, Deputy Director Planning; Matt Kendall, EPS (Natural Resources), Robyn Burgess, Local Planning Assistance Specialist and Colleen Parker, EPS-3.

Approval of Draft Committee Minutes for April 15-16, 2021

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Brad Austin, seconded by Andrea Hogan and then approved unanimously.

Mapping Solar Projects in the Adirondack Park

Matt Kendall provided a presentation on the location and status of commercial solar projects the Agency has been reviewing. A total of 16 projects were listed including four applications currently under review, ten pre-applications and two issued permits. The project proposals combined could potentially involve approximately 124 megawatts of power generation and a total of 689 acres of fenced-in area. Mr. Kendall provided mapping that showed the location of the listed projects and related them to local land use controls, designated Agricultural Districts and active agricultural uses, forested areas and other resource considerations.

Board questions and comment included discussion of potential cumulative impacts such as visual impacts, loss of agricultural lands or soils, forest fragmentation, the relationship of solar farm siting to transmission lines, and the anticipated scale of solar project development within the Park.

The complete presentation is available at:

<https://nysapa.granicus.com/videos/564/player?autoplay=0&start=4410&stop=8390>

Old Business: None

New Business: None