



**Certificate of Appreciation
Village of Speculator
Mayor Jeannette A Barrett, PhD**

At the Thursday, February 19th, 2026, meeting of the Adirondack Park Agency, Mayor Barrett provided an insightful and educational presentation to the Agency Board on the history, accomplishments, goals, and challenges of the Village of Speculator. Located in Hamilton County, the fifth largest county in New York State by land area, Speculator benefits from an abundance of natural resource based recreational assets. The village worked hard to secured necessary state and federal grant funds to support their tourism-based economy. This included critical infrastructure improvements to the public wastewater and drinking water systems. These systems are absolutely essential to maintain strong environmental protections and to support development of affordable work force housing for park residents.

The Adirondack Park Agency deeply respects the dedication and hard work local government officials provide on behalf of their communities. The Agency extends its sincere appreciation to Mayor Barrett for informing the Board of the priority projects, present challenges and goals of the Village of Speculator. Increased communication and collaboration between the Agency and local government is essential to improve economic well-being and to protect critical natural resources. The Agency looks forward to partnering with Speculator on their community sustainability goals.

Presented this 19th day of February 2026 in Ray Brook, New York.

**Mark Hall
Chair**

**Barbara Rice
Executive Director**