

At the Work Session of the  
Malone Village Board, held on  
July 31, 2024 at 10:00AM at  
343 West Main St. the following  
were present:

Andrea Dumas	Mayor
Norman Bonner	Trustee
Matthew Boyea	Trustee
Archie McKee	Trustee
Brian Langdon	Trustee

Also in Attendance:

Rebaska Scaccia, Clerk	Kari Tremper, DANC
Dave Rohe, DANC	Lucas Gerrand, DANC
Greg Swart, SDA	Sean Doty, SDA
Charles Prior, EDR	Mike Simizou, EDR
McKenzie Lehman, BCA	Casey Dickinson, BCA
Corey Reid, BCA	Pat Maguire, One Group
Jessica Burditt, One Group	

Mayor Dumas opened the meeting at 10:00 PM.

## **OUTFALL 002 – PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT RFQ**

### **➤ Suozzo, Doty & Associates Architects and Engineers**

Greg Swart and Sean Doty were in attendance to represent the firm and discuss their qualifications and approach to the proposed project.

### **➤ EDR – Environmental Design and Research Architects and Engineers**

Charles Prior and Michael Simizou were in attendance to represent the firm and discuss their qualifications and approach to the proposed project.

### **➤ BCA Architects and Engineers**

Casey Dickinson, Corey Reid and McKenzie Lehman were in attendance to represent the firm and discuss their qualifications and approach to the proposed project.

The Village Board will continue their review of the three submitting firms and award the project at the August 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Resolution 99-2024 – Negative Declaration on SEQR EAF For the Proposed Thomas Hill Solar Farm Project**

### **VILLAGE OF MALONE RESOLUTION NO. 99-2024**

#### **RESOLUTION ADOPTING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED THOMAS HILL SOLAR FARM PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, an application was made to the Village of Malone (the “Village”) for site plan approval and the issuance of a special permit for the construction of a 5.00MW (AC) ground-mounted Solar Farm to be constructed and located on the two properties located east of 189 Ft. Covington Street, with Tax ID #s of 98.71-2-1 and 98.80-9-1.100, in the County of Franklin, Village of Malone, referred to as the Thomas Hill Solar Farm (“Project”) in June of 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the following documents were further submitted as supplement to the application, including a Building Permit, Owner Consent, Project Narrative, Full EAF, Wetland Delineation, T&E Species Report, Site Plan, Equipment Specifications, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), Visual Assessment, Operation and Maintenance Plan, Decommissioning Plan, Fire Safety and Emergency Response, Interconnection with National Grid, FAA Letter, Memo Option to Lease, Glint Glare Analysis, Letters of Support Pilots, and a Cut and Fill Grading Map; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended, the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”), the Village desires to comply with SEQRA and the Regulations with respect to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 14, 2024, the Village caused a letter and Part 1 of the EAF to be sent to other potentially “involved agencies” and “interested agencies” (as these quoted terms are defined in the Regulations), indicating the Village of Malone Village Board’s (“Village Board”) desire to serve as “lead agency” (as this quoted term is defined in the Regulations) for a coordinated review under SEQRA of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the involved agencies or potentially involved agencies have agreed to the Village Board serving as lead agency for a coordinated review under SEQRA of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Regulations, the Village Board has considered the significance of the potential environmental impacts of the Project by: (a) using the criteria specified in Section 617.7 of the Regulations, and (b) examining the EAF for the Project, including the facts and conclusions in Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the EAF, together with other available supporting information, to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern, and (c) thoroughly analyzing the areas of relevant environmental concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the findings of the EAF review were distributed to all “interested parties” on April 29, 2024, for review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Malone submitted comments on May 28, 2024, which were thoroughly reviewed by the Village and addressed by the applicant; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held on May 29, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2024, the Town of Malone submitted additional comments which were again thoroughly reviewed by the Village and addressed by the applicant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Malone requested a mitigation commitment from the applicant to address an area of potential moderate to large impact on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has complied with the Village’s Mitigation request, and has submitted an appropriate commitment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that based upon an examination of the EAF and other available supporting information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each relevant area of environmental concern, and based further upon the Village Board’s knowledge of the area surrounding the Project and such further investigations of the Project and its potential environmental impact as the Village Board has deemed appropriate, the Village Board makes the following findings and determinations: the Project constitutes a “Type 1 Action” (as the quoted term is defined in the Regulations); and all identified potentially significant adverse environmental impacts noted in the EAF for the Project have been satisfactorily addressed through proposed mitigation efforts and no other adverse environmental impacts are known to the Village Board. Therefore, the Village Board hereby determines that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and will not require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement with respect to the Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that as a consequence of such determination and in compliance with the requirements of SEQRA and the Regulations, the Village Board directs the Village Mayor to prepare a Negative Declaration in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 617.12; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board directs the Village Mayor to publish notice of and file a copy of the Negative Declaration for the Project in accordance with the Regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion Made By: Trustee Bonner  
Seconded By: Trustee Boyea

Vote was Recorded as Follows:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Trustee Boyea	None
Trustee Bonner	
Trustee McKee	
Trustee Langdon	
Mayor Dumas	

Approved By Village Board On: July 31, 2024

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **➤ One Group Insurance – Malone Rec Park New Building Insurance**

#### **VILLAGE OF MALONE RESOLUTION NO. 100-2024**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO ADD ADDITIONAL COVERAGE TO CURRENT NYMIR INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE NEW REC PARK BUILDING AND ITS CONTENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Malone Rec Park has completed construction of a new activities building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Builder’s Risk coverage has expired; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Insurance Agent has recommended a blanket policy and a content policy to cover the New Rec Park building;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Board of Trustees approves the addition of a \$500,000 Blanket Policy and a \$10,000 Content Policy to the Village of Malone’s NYMIR Annual Insurance Policy to cover the New Malone Rec Park Building at an average annual increase of \$600 to the current policy premium.

Motion Made By: Trustee Boyea  
Seconded By: Trustee McKee  
Approved By Board of Trustees on: July 31, 2024

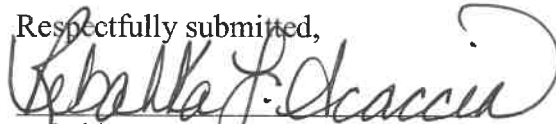
➤ **Franklin County Agricultural Society – Renewal of Liquor License for Fair Week**

Upon the motion of Trustee Langdon with a second by Trustee McKee and carried to approve Franklin County Agricultural Society's Liquor License Support Letter request. Mayor Dumas abstained from the vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion of Trustee Boyea with a second by Trustee McKee and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebahka Scaccia". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk

