



# Planning Board

*Monroe County, New York*

**Adam J. Bello**  
*County Executive*

**William Santos**  
*Chairperson*

## **Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes April 29, 2021**

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board was held on April 29, 2021, at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Sam Trapani, citizen member; George Hebert, County Legislator; Joe Morelle, Jr., County Legislator; Amy Grower, Chief of Staff; Robert Franklin, Director, Finance; Mike Garland, Director, Environmental Services; Richard Tantalo, Director, Public Safety;

Alternates Present: Don Crumb (for Jeff McCann, Dep. Co. Exec.)  
Laura Smith (Law Dept.)  
Virginia Verhagen (Public Safety)

Planning Staff Present: Rebecca Caico, Rochelle Bell, Kim Hudson, Yixuan Lin

Others Present: Bill Daly (DES)

Bill Santos called the meeting to order at 3:38 pm. Bob Franklin made a motion to approve the March 25, 2021 meeting minutes. George Hebert seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

The National Park Service conducted a feasibility study of a Finger Lakes National Heritage Area; the public comment period is open until **June 1**.

There are multiple ways to access information about the project.

1. Project website: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/FingerLakes>
2. Project story map: <https://arcg.is/0eCKrj>. Towards the end is a long list of Finger Lakes Resources – you may find some surprises here or you may know of a site that should be added.

3. To comment on the feasibility of a Finger Lakes National Heritage Area, visit this site: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsOpenForReview.cfm?parkID=415&projectID=91275>
  - This webpage provides a link to a survey you can use to recommend sites that epitomize the Finger Lakes Region and to talk about why the region is (or is not) a nationally notable area and why it should (or should not) be recognized as a National Heritage Area.
  - The webpage also provides a report, "**Finger Lakes National Heritage Area Feasibility Study Historic Context and Nationally Important Themes,**" and gives you an opportunity to comment on the report and recommend improvements or additions to the document.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

The following project was submitted for consideration by the Board:

#### **Amend the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program and the 2021 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "Energy Improvement Equipment Acquisition"**

Bob Franklin, CFO, addressed the Planning Board on the action item before them. Mr. Franklin explained that the Energy Improvement project began in 2017 and included implementing energy saving measures such as LED lighting retrofits, electric to natural gas conversions, and steam to hot water conversions. At this time, NYPA is requiring a new finance agreement; however, it is in the County's best financial interest to bond for the project instead.

Mike Garland made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program and the 2021 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Energy Improvement Equipment Acquisition", in the amount of \$12,900,000. Joe Morelle, Jr. seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE:** May 27, 2021 at 3:30 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:** Bob Franklin made a motion to adjourn, George Hebert seconded the motion which carried unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.

RB/kmh