

Board of Trustees  
Village of Black River, New York



Agenda

Regular Meeting

July 12, 2021

- Call to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of minutes of the 6/7/21 regular meeting and the 6/28/21 special meeting.
- Public Comment.
- Code Enforcement Report & review of related correspondence.
- Superintendent's Report.
- Clerk-Treasurer's Report.
- Police Department Report.

Correspondence Received:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| A) Rt. 3 Sewer Board  | Re: Minutes                    |
| B) FDRLO              | Re: Advocate Drum              |
| C) Michael Montigelli | Re: Planning Board resignation |

Correspondence Sent:

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| A) Letters to Ames Dr. residents | Re: Water line repair |
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New Business:

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| A) Barton & Loguidice           | Re: Rails to Trails        |
| B) Borrego Solar                | Re: Proposed solar project |
| C) Hadley Drive survey results  |                            |
| D) Water/sewer bill adjustments |                            |

Unfinished Business:

- A) Cannabis Law – example of local law

- Reports from Standing Committees.
- Reports from Special Meetings.
- Authorize payment of bills; adjournment.

Village of Black River  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
June 7, 2021

DRAFT

Mayor Dishaw called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Francis Dishaw  
Trustee Gary McCullough  
Trustee Bonnie Proven  
Trustee Mark Wonderly  
Trustee Randy Lake  
Superintendent Les Williams  
Clerk Treasurer Kristin Williams  
Police Chief Steve Wood

Others Present:

See sign in sheet

A motion was made by Trustee Proven, seconded by Trustee Wonderly to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 regular meeting and the May 26, 2021 special meeting minutes. The motion was carried.

Public Comment: Pat Flynn, 156 Maple St. stated that he has an issue with birds in the eaves of his neighbor's property. He stated that the birds poop on his house and cars and he would like the issue addressed. Mayor Dishaw stated that Code Enforcement Officer Holland is out of town and he will discuss the issue with him when he returns.

Eldon Glick was present to discuss a home that he is building on property that is owned by Marsha McEvoy. Mr. Glick stated that Mrs. McEvoy wants to build one home on the fourteen-acre property. Mr. Glick presented a proposal that would grant an easement to the village to construct a hammerhead on the property in exchange for installation of the sewer. It was explained that the village does not install sewer. The village is hiring a surveyor to determine the boundaries of the village property of Hadley Drive. Trustee Lake asked if more homes would be constructed on the property? Mr. Glick and Ms. McEvoy both stated no.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Williams stated that the street sweeper was used and worked well, he stated that UV parts have been ordered, 50 meter tops have been ordered, internet and cameras have been installed in the pump station. He stated that the village may fall under some requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and that the local NYS Department of Health is looking into it. Superintendent Williams stated that Joe Paige will be going to school for his B water license in September.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Clerk-Treasurer Williams stated that she spoke with Walt Hammond from Haylor, Freyor & Coon who suggested increasing the umbrella policy to three million dollars in coverage and that five million would be the optimum coverage. She stated that it is about one thousand dollars per additional million dollars of coverage and that the village could make the increase to three million dollars and budget for the five million dollars next fiscal year.

A motion was made by Trustee Wonderly, seconded by Trustee McCullough to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that the Village of Black River increase the umbrella coverage from two million dollars to three million dollars for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2022. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw	Yes
Trustee Wonderly	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes
Trustee Proven	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Williams stated that she would like the board to consider making some security upgrades to the municipal building. The board agreed that she could get some pricing.

Police Department Report: Police Chief Wood stated that he had completed in service training which included time at the range and CPR, the portable radios are online but he would like to order an earpiece for the radio and that he will be working for the Stop DWI campaign again.

The board reviewed the requirements from NY State regarding the summer recreation program. It was agreed that the requirements would be difficult to meet and that there isn't sufficient indoor space to socially distance in inclement weather.

A motion was made by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee McCullough to suspend the 2021 summer recreation program. The motion was carried.

Mayor Dishaw read the Request for Proposal submittals for lawn mowing of properties that have not complied with zoning. Smitty's Property Service submitted a proposal of \$175 per hour and Lee's Lawn Care at \$45 per hour per person with a two-person maximum.

A motion was made by Trustee Wonderly, seconded by Trustee McCullough to award the mowing to Lee's Lawn Care for the summer 2021 season. The motion was carried.

Lee Carpenter of Lee's Lawn Care declined the award.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Trustee Proven to award the mowing to Smitty's Property Service. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Dishaw to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that following abstract of audited vouchers be approved: interim abstract dated 5/26/21 in the amount of \$31,511.82 (General Fund: \$3,156.53 Water Fund: \$10,951.39 Sewer Fund: \$17,403.90) and regular monthly abstract dated 6/7/21 in the amount of \$54,260.05 (General Fund: \$39,180.47 Water Fund: \$700.77 Sewer Fund: \$14,378.81). The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw	Yes
Trustee Wonderly	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes
Trustee Proven	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Trustee Wonderly, seconded by Trustee Lake to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person. The motion was carried.

The board exited executive session.

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June 7, 2021  
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A motion was made by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Wonderly to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that the probation period for Department of Public Works laborer Larry Weller end in termination of employment. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw	Yes
Trustee Wonderly	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes
Trustee Proven	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mayor Dishaw, seconded by Trustee McCullough to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Williams  
Clerk-Treasurer

Village of Black River  
Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting  
June 28, 2021

DRAFT

Mayor Dishaw called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Francis Dishaw  
Trustee Mark Wonderly  
Trustee Bonnie Proven  
Trustee Gary McCullough  
Trustee Randy Lake  
Superintendent Les Williams  
Clerk-Treasurer Kristin Williams

Superintendent Williams stated that he had reached out to three contractors regarding the new water line for the property at 119 N. Main St. He stated that only one contractor was interested in the job. He stated that North Country Contractors had a price of \$7,002.00. It was decided that the Department of Public Works would install the water line due to the cost. Superintendent Williams stated that the road will have to be closed for a couple of days as the hole will be too large to cover and there are utilities that will have to be worked around.

Superintendent Williams stated there is a water leak on Ames Dr. just beyond where it was leaking previously. Ames Drive is a private road. Trustee Lake stated that working on private property is considered a gift and the leak must be repaired by the homeowners. There was discussion of putting a meter pit at the end of the road to help monitor future leaks.

A motion was made by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Wonderly to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved,** that letters be mailed and posted on the homes of the three residents on Ames Drive stating that they must facilitate the repair of the water line or water service will be terminated. Homeowners must implement a long-term solution. If they would like to discuss appropriate solutions, they may contact the village office. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw	Yes
Trustee Lake	Yes
Trustee Wonderly	Yes
Trustee Proven	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullough seconded by Trustee Proven to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Williams  
Clerk-Treasurer

TO: NYS ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR SEWER BOARD

FROM: Christina Vargulick, Secretary

DATE: June 15, 2021

RE: Minutes of June 14, 2021 meeting

**Present:** S. Allen, F. Dishaw, L. Eddy, B. Ferguson and R. Taylor

**Others:** M. Altieri, D. Benati, and B. Nutting

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on June 14, 2021 at the T/Rutland Municipal Building. Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

The Board reviewed the minutes for April 12, 2021. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by L. Eddy to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

### **Operating Report**

The period summary for April 2021 was distributed to the Board. The sewer flow was 7.4MG. Fifty-two percent (52%) of the total budgeted revenues were received. Expenses year-to-date were thirty-six percent (36%) of the total budgeted. Net cash of \$341,040.72 remained at the end of the period. The reserve account balance was \$204,445.56.

The period summary for May, 2021 was distributed to the Board. The sewer flow was 7.4MG. Fifty-five percent (55%) of the total budgeted revenues were received. Expenses year-to-date were forty percent (40%) of the total budgeted. Net cash of \$279,335.04 remained at the end of the period. The reserve account balance was \$204,510.81.

### **GB Pump Station Replacement**

D. Benati advised the Board that the contracts for the pump station replacement project have been reviewed by legal counsel and are ready for the Chairman's signature. B. Ferguson inquired about the revised schedule. D. Benati will update the schedule and distribute it to the Board.

The Board considered the style and color of the siding and the roofing for the new pump station enclosures. The Board selected white Dutch lap siding with oyster shingles as first choice. The alternate choice is gray siding with birchwood shingles.

D. Benati recommended amending the project budget to increase the amount for engineering review by BC&A and reducing the amount for DANC by an equal amount. There will be no change in the total project cost. Motion by L. Eddy, seconded by B. Ferguson to approve the recommendation as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

### **Agreed Upon Procedures**

B. Nutting reported that Drescher & Malecki, LLP have performed the 2020 AUP and would like to report in person at the August 9, 2021 meeting. The Board agreed by consensus.

### **CD Rollover**

B. Nutting reported that two (2) CD's have been renewed. A CD in the amount of \$102,784.50 was renewed May 14, 2021 for twelve months at 0.3% with Carthage Savings & Loan with no penalty for early withdrawal. A CD in the amount of \$51,405.05 was renewed May 9, 2021 for ninety (90) days at 0.25% with Community Bank. A third CD in the amount of \$50,190.05 will mature December 24, 2021 at the Carthage Savings & Loan.

### **Open Discussion**

L. Eddy submitted a request for reimbursement from the T/Rutland for costs totaling \$1,450.00 in parts and labor. The costs were incurred to tie together the lateral carrying gray water at 30884 Burnup Road to the sewer system. The connection was overlooked at the time of construction. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by B. Ferguson to reimburse the T/Rutland in the amount of \$1,450.00 for costs incurred. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Eddy, seconded by B. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.

**The next scheduled meeting of the NYS Route 3 Sewer/Development Board will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 4:30pm at the V/Black River Municipal Building.**

*Christina Vargulick*

Christina Vargulick, Secretary  
NYS Route 3 Sewer Board of Commissioners

# ADVOCATE DRUM



Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization

July 2021

Francis Dishaw  
Village of Black River  
107 Jefferson Place  
Black River, NY 13612

Dear Francis:

Over the past year, our entire community has defended itself well against the COVID-19 virus. During this period, our Soldiers have answered the call repeatedly to deploy as their families remain sheltered here in the North Country. There is no better time than now to show your support for this strong military community.

For more than 30 years, Advocate Drum has facilitated a strong bond between our Army and the North Country community. Advocate Drum exists to enhance the relationship between Fort Drum and the North Country, mediate conflicting interests, continually advocate at all levels for Fort Drum and remain ever vigilant to protect the mission at Fort Drum.

Fort Drum has a \$1.8 billion economic impact within the North Country region of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties. In addition to the 18,900+ Soldiers and civilians employed at Fort Drum in 2020, an additional 6,058 jobs in the larger regional economy exist because of Fort Drum. The entire Fort Drum related workforce (direct and indirect) represents 23% of the wage earners throughout our tri-county area. Fort Drum related activity also generates nearly \$40.3 million in sales tax revenue to the three counties which directly offsets the property tax levy to local property owners, individuals, and businesses alike.

Advocate Drum has worked successfully with community and government leaders to protect Fort Drum through several rounds of military budget cuts and troop reductions over the years. We continue to work with leaders at the local, state, and federal levels to stay abreast of issues that may affect Fort Drum so that we are ready at a moment's notice to defend this special installation.

Historically, Advocate Drum funding has come largely from New York State. However, given the State's current fiscal condition, this is now much less secure. As a result, today more than ever, we need your support to promote and position Fort Drum and the North Country as the best place for the U.S. Army, our Soldiers, and their families. Please consider enhancing your membership to a higher level listed on your invoice to assist us in this mission. When you support Advocate Drum, you Advocate for the North Country.

Sincerely,

Tom Carman, Chair

***Mission: To protect and enhance Fort Drum's military value, sustain and leverage its economic and cultural significance to the Fort Drum region and New York State, and foster effective communication between the installation and its civilian neighbors to promote mutual support and understanding.***

200 Washington Street, Suite 406, Watertown, NY 13601, Tel: (315)-836-1531, email: office@fdrllo.org



From the desk of...

MICHAEL A. MONTIGELLI

DATE: 06.24.21

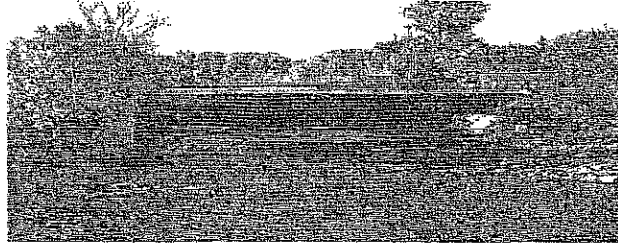
Dear Mayor Dishaw:

I thank you for the opportunity to serve the Village as a planning board member these past thirty years. As it happens, I am unable to complete my most recent term of office. Therefore, I am tendering my resignation as of this date.

Respectfully,

Michael A. Montigelli

Board of Trustees  
Village of Black River, New York



June 29, 2021

Tamara Johnson-Caswell  
7003 Raintree Forest  
San Antonio, Texas 78233

Dear Ms. Johnson-Caswell:

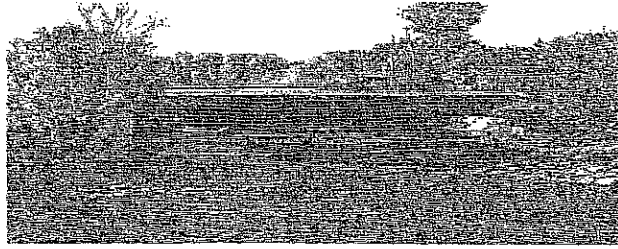
This letter is to inform you that within 72 hours of the date of this notice, you must facilitate repair of your water line or service will be terminated as allowable in the Village Water Use Law. Ames Drive homeowners must implement a long-term solution to avoid further leaks. If you would like to set a date to discuss appropriate long-term solutions, please contact the Village Office at 315-773-5721.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Francis Dishaw  
Mayor

Board of Trustees  
Village of Black River, New York



June 29, 2021

Scott Paige  
108 Ames Dr.  
Black River, NY 13612

Dear Mr. Paige:

This letter is to inform you that within 72 hours of the date of this notice, you must facilitate repair of your water line or service will be terminated as allowable in the Village Water Use Law. Ames Drive homeowners must implement a long-term solution to avoid further leaks. If you would like to set a date to discuss appropriate long-term solutions, please contact the Village Office at 315-773-5721.

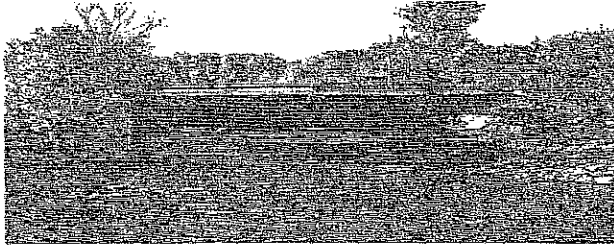
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Francis Dishaw  
Mayor

Board of Trustees  
Village of Black River, New York



June 29, 2021

Timothy Barber  
104 Ames Dr.  
Black River, NY 13612

Dear Mr. Barber:

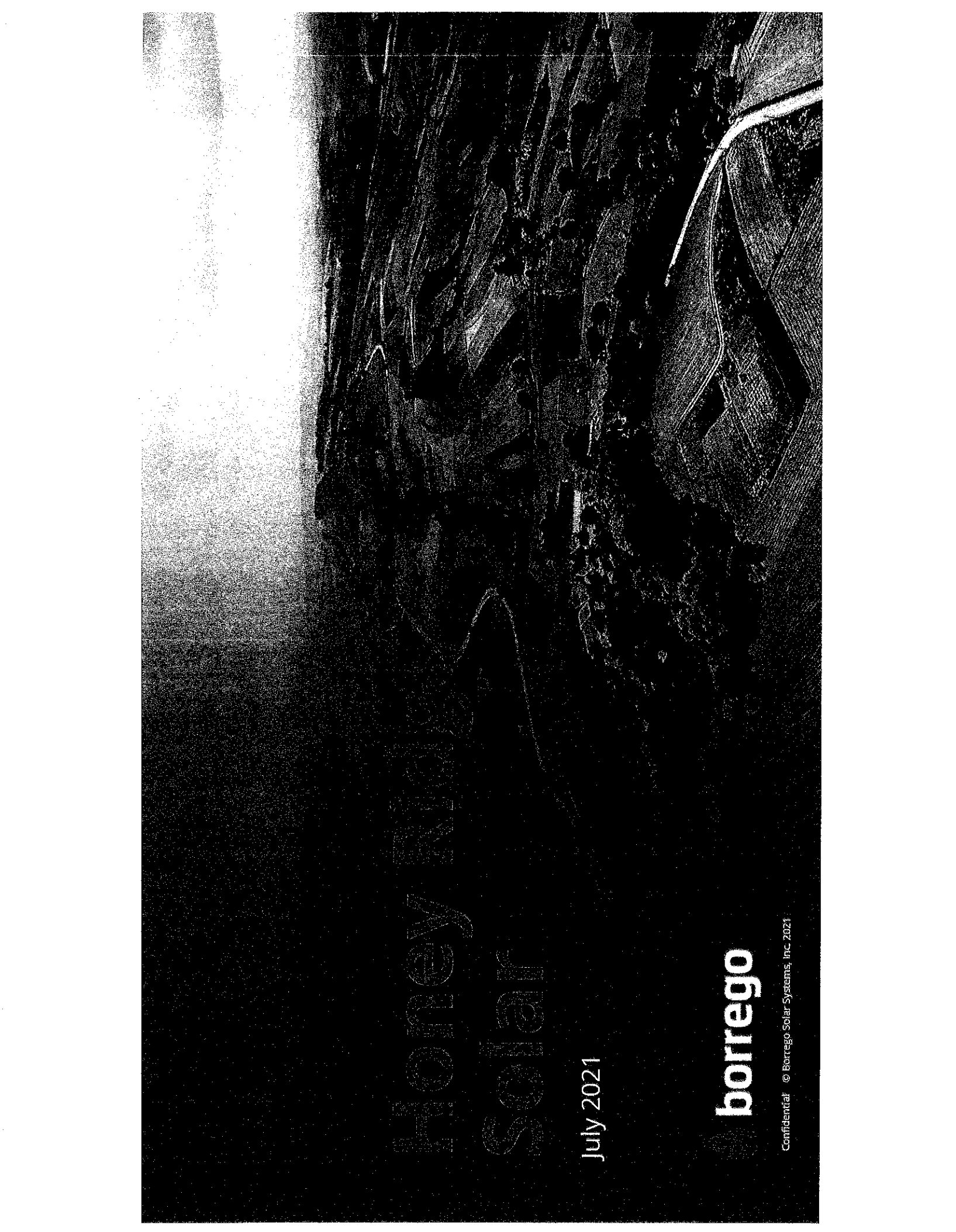
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Francis Dishaw  
Mayor



# Honeywell Solar

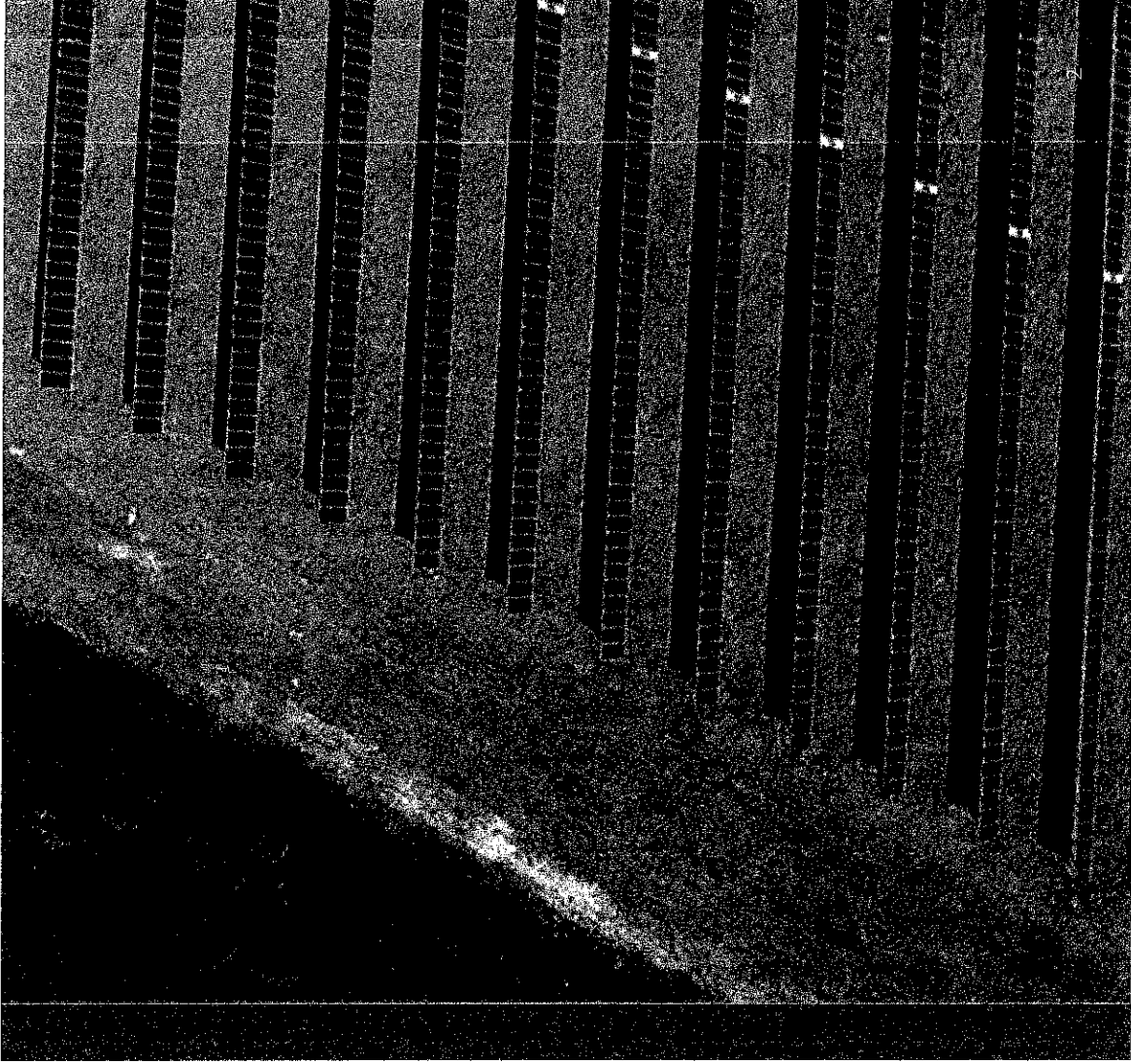
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ABOUT US

## Meet our team

We're a dedicated team of solar and energy storage experts — more than 450 of us committed to our mission of solving the world's energy problems by accelerating the adoption of renewable energy.

Besides being committed to our mission, we are committed to focusing on our customers first. We are laser focused on providing the most value to our customers and powering our customer's growth.

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**Mike Hall**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Aaron Hall**  
President



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Chief Information Officer



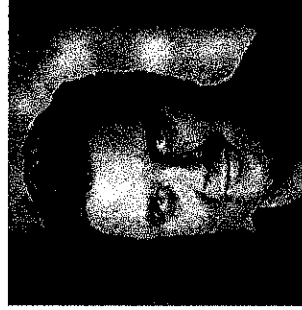
**Andrew Hall**  
Chief Financial Officer



**Dan Berwick**  
General Manager,  
Development



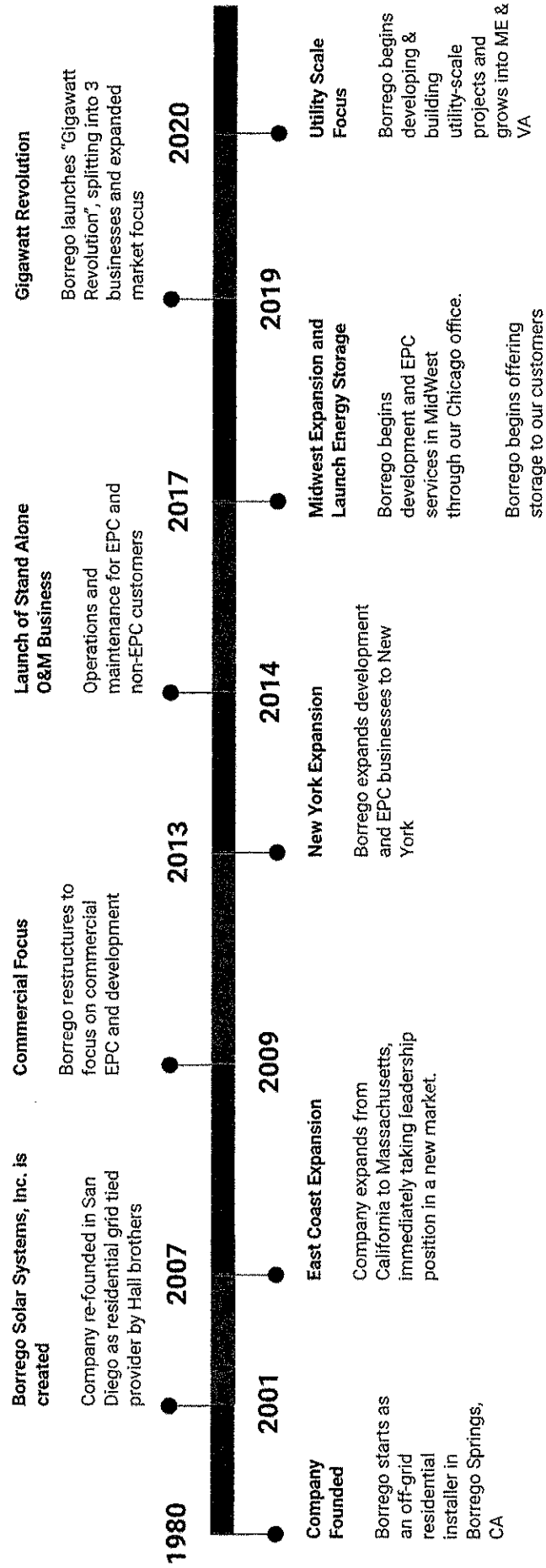
**Mark Swanson**  
Chief Operations Officer  
General Manager, EPC



**Michael Backman**  
Executive Vice  
President, O&M

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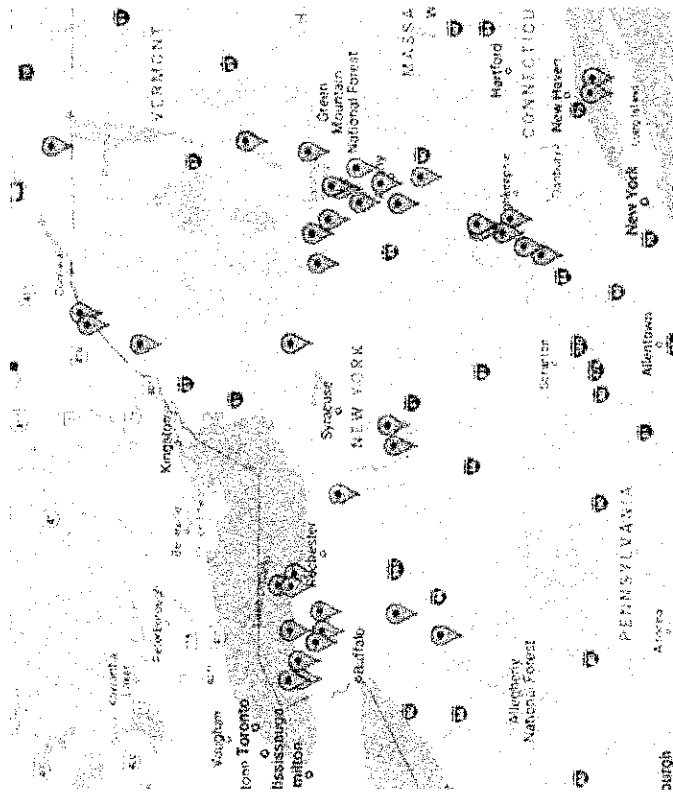
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# New York projects



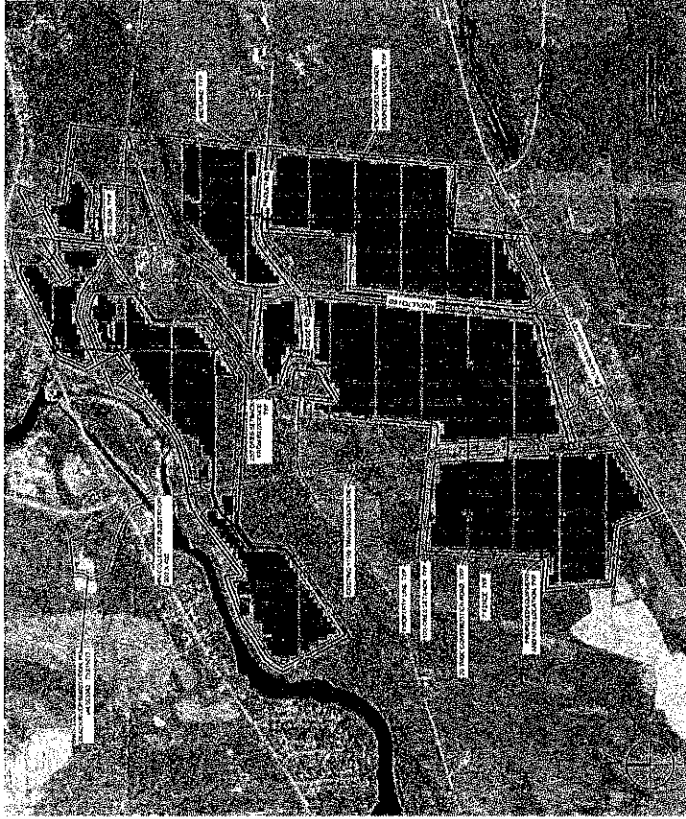
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- St. Johnsville
- Town of Rochester
- Troy
- Walden
- West Gloverville
- Westerlo
- Westtown
- Whitehall

# Project details



- Project Size: 125 MW
- Planned Acreage: 600 acres
- Point of Interconnection: National Grid's Black River substation
- Permitting Process: 94-C
- Planned Start of Construction: 2024
- Planned Commercial Operation Date: 2025

# Permitting

- Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) – Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth & Community Benefits Act with the goal of:
  - timely consolidated review and permitting of major renewable energy facilities in a single forum that takes into consideration local laws, public health and safety, environmental, social and economic factors pertinent to the decision to permit such facilities
  - streamlined and expedited siting of major renewable energy projects and associated transmission facilities to help achieve the State’s clean energy and climate goals, while maintaining the State’s strong environmental and public participation standards
  - ensuring that renewable energy projects deliver economic benefits to the local communities where they are built
- Transfer of Article 10 projects into 94 (c)
- Local municipalities are required to submit a statement as to whether the proposed energy project complies with local law
- In the event ORES determines that local laws are unreasonably burdensome, project applicant is required to meet any imposed site-specific conditions in order to be in compliance
- Borrego Solar intends on pursuing local permitting including necessary site plan approvals, supplemental use permits, and zoning variances as necessary

## Contact our New York team

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Thank you

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**LOCAL LAW**

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Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2021 Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law §131 Opting Out of Licensing and Establishing Retail Cannabis Dispensaries and On-site Cannabis Consumption Establishments Within the City of Watertown

Council Member HENRY-WILKINSON, Ryan J.  
Council Member PIERCE, Sarah V.C.  
Council Member RUGGIERO, Lisa A.  
Council Member SPAZIANI, Leonard G.  
Mayor SMITH, Jeffrey M.  
Total .....

YEA	NAY

*Introduced by*

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A Local Law adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law §131 opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the City of Watertown.

**Section 1. Legislative Intent**

It is the intent of this local law to opt the City of Watertown out of hosting retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments within its boundaries.

**Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, which expressly authorizes cities and villages to opt-out of allowing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments to locate and operate within their boundaries.

**Section 3. Local Cannabis Retail Dispensary and/or On-Site Consumption Opt-Out**

The City Council of the City of Watertown, County of Jefferson, hereby opts-out of licensing and establishing cannabis retail dispensaries and cannabis on-site consumption establishments within its boundaries.

**Section 4. Severability**

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

# LOCAL LAW

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Council Member PIERCE, Sarah V.C.

Council Member RUGGIERO, Lisa A.

Council Member SPAZIANI, Leonard G.

Mayor SMITH, Jeffrey M.

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YEA	NAY

## Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, this local law is subject to a permissive referendum and thus may not be filed with the Secretary of State until the applicable time period has elapsed to file a petition or a referendum has been conducted approving this local law.

*Seconded by*