

Declaring Ulster County's Intent To Act As Lead Agency Under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For The Construction Of A Public Safety Radio Tower And Appurtenances To Be Located On Tonche Mountain Town Of Olive New York – Department Of Emergency Services

Referred to: The Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee (Chairwoman Greene and Legislators Hansut, Erner, Maloney, and Stewart), The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Uchitelle and Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt, and Lopez), and The Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee (Chairwoman Petit and Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, and Stewart)

Chairman of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee, Abe Uchitelle, offers the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution No. 377 of August 2016 Capital Project 482 was established for the development of a Countywide Radio System and funding was provided for Professional Engineering Services; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County, is developing a new simulcast radio communication system and utilizing the services of its radio consultants, has analyzed the needed improvements to the existing radio communication system in terms of gaps in service due to lack of coverage from existing radio towers that result in the need for additional towers as well as improvements and/or replacement of existing towers to support the additional equipment necessary for the simulcast system; and

WHEREAS, this analysis shows that the existing Public Safety Radio Tower located on Tonche Mountain accessed from Pitcairn Estates Rd. in the Town of Olive and included within Tax Map Section Block and Lot (SBL) 37.1-5-12.412 will require to be upgraded or replaced with a taller facility, to support additional antennas and microwave dishes that enable communication between other towers in the system as well as provide better coverage in the area; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County desires to proceed with the required steps to improve or replace the Tonche public safety radio tower at or near its current location; and

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WHEREAS, the development and installation of a public safety radio tower and appurtenances at the Tonche Mountain Site constitutes an action as defined under NYCRR Part 617.2(b) [SEQRA], and the County wishes to establish itself as a lead agency and conduct a coordinated review as provided for in NYCRR Part 617.6; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature has determined, after review of the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR Parts 617.4 and 617.5, that the project is an Unlisted Action; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (3) of the Regulations pertaining to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State (SEQRA), the Ulster County Legislature hereby declares its intent to serve as Lead Agency for the above-referenced project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature will conduct a coordinated review and circulate its Notice of Intent to serve as Lead Agency, together with the EAF and accompanying documentation to all interested and involved agencies pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (2) (i) and 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (3); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (3), at the conclusion of an otherwise unchallenged thirty (30) day period following the date of transmittal of the Notice of Intent, the EAF and documentation aforesaid to the interested agencies, the Legislature shall become the Lead Agency under SEQRA for this project,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Heppner)

Passed Committee: Energy, Environment and Sustainability on September 8, 2022

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Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on September 8, 2022

Passed Committee: Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation on September 12, 2022

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 20th Day of September in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 22nd Day of September in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
22nd Day of September 2022.

Approved by the Acting County Executive this
23rd Day of September 2022.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

[s] Johanna Contreras
Johanna Contreras, Acting County Executive