

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: APA Support

Date: 8/14/2023

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Brunette

Bill # 112-2023

DATE SUBMITTED: 8/3/2023

EXHIBITS:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED:

AMOUNT
BUDGETED:

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

Resolution in support of the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) Headquarters Relocation to
3 Main Street, Saranac Lake

MOVED BY: Shapiro SECONDED BY: Catillaz

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

YES

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

YES

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ

YES

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

YES

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO

YES



Resolution in Support of the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) Headquarters Relocation to 3 Main Street, Saranac Lake

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake is committed to improving economic vitality, enhancing the downtown experience, and promoting sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the proposed relocation of the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) Headquarters to the village-owned building and parcel at 3 Main Street aligns with our mission and offers significant opportunities for collaboration, economic growth, and revitalization in our community; and

WHEREAS, the APA has nearly \$30 million already allocated for the construction of a state-of-the-art, energy-efficient headquarters, which presents a tremendous capital investment opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the APA Headquarters will create numerous job opportunities, contributing to the economic development and prosperity of Saranac Lake and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the location of the APA Headquarters in a Hamlet Zone, particularly in the most populated Hamlet Zone within the Adirondack Park, Saranac Lake, aligns with the aims and objectives of the Adirondack Park Agency; and

WHEREAS, the presence of up to 55 employees and numerous daily visitors at the new headquarters will add to the vibrancy and economic viability of our downtown, stimulating local businesses and creating demand for dining, shopping, and other services; and

WHEREAS, relocating the APA Headquarters will provide an opportunity to revitalize the 96-year-old building currently owned by the village, the Paul Smith Electric Light and Power Company Building, which holds immense historic value but is currently underutilized and operates at a taxpayer-funded deficit; and

WHEREAS, the APA's plans to increase parking spaces at the new location will benefit the community by providing additional parking options for events and offering convenience to residents and visitors during weekends and holidays.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Saranac Lake hereby expresses its enthusiastic support for the proposed location of the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) Headquarters to 3 Main Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Saranac Lake encourages the APA to proceed with its plan to invest nearly \$30 million in constructing a state-of-the-art, energy-efficient headquarters in our downtown area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Saranac Lake welcomes the economic impact and opportunities for collaboration that the relocation of the APA Headquarters will bring to our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Saranac Lake looks forward to partnering with the APA and supporting its vision for a vibrant and economically viable downtown that benefits our local residents and businesses.