

November 3, 2025

Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake
39 Main Street, Suite 9
Saranac Lake, New York 12983-1733

**SUBJECT: VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT
OCTOBER UPDATE**

Village of Saranac Lake Board Members,

Please find the project monthly update for October 2025. We continue to make progress on the various aspects of the project including design and engineering of the building and site, considerations for the wetland buffer, and ultimately confirming total project scope to begin the SEQR process.

The following tasks were worked on during the month of October;

1. The Building Committee met on the following dates:
 - a. October 10th
 - b. October 24th
 - c. October 31st

*Meeting Agendas are attached.
2. USDA ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT: We continue to develop the USDA environmental report package with their input and address their additional requirements as follows:
 - a. APA CONCURRENCE (USDA REQUIRED): The design team is working to limit any work or disturbance in the 100' wetland buffer. APA outreach is currently on hold as the site plan is being developed.
 - b. SHPO (USDA REQUIRED): The next SHPO submission will include information regarding the exterior of the building which is currently under design with our architectural and engineering teams.
 - c. THPO (USDA REQUIRED): Wendel completed the required Tribal Notifications and no comments were received.

3. **CONCEPTUAL FLOOR PLANS:** Our team presented the code compliance options to the AHJ on October 9th and based on subsequent conversations was able to get concurrence with the AHJ regarding Wendel's interpretation of the Building Code and layout of the facility. The design team is continuing to refine the floor plan layout to confirm circulation within the facility and coordinate the site plan design. Our team will meet with reach group in the beginning of November to confirm the layout of their spaces and then begin to design the exterior wall systems.
4. **EXISTING STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT:** Based on the outcome of the code interpretation with the AHJ and feedback from the contractor meetings in September, our team was able to select the least intrusive structural upgrade option. The Geotechnical work (see below) will need to be completed prior to concluding the structural design parameters and therefore finalizing the cost estimate and presenting to the Building Committee and Village Board before completion of the Schematic Design package.
5. **GEOTECHNICAL:** Colliers completed their initial field work. Colliers' preliminary findings were reviewed with our team in October. Colliers is experiencing delays in obtaining equipment to complete the final testing. It is anticipated that the report will be completed in November. As mentioned above, this geotechnical investigation and report is required for Wendel to finalize the structural design parameters.
6. **GRANT FUNDING SUPPORT:** No update in October.
7. **SEQR:** As mentioned in previous months, some of the items that USDA is requesting go hand in hand with SEQR requirements. The USDA Environmental Report is not SEQR but is required to finalize agreements on the grant that the Village was awarded. The SEQR process will begin as soon as the Schematic Design Package is finalized. The items outlined above will need to come to a conclusion prior to completion of the Schematic Design Package, and therefore the SEQR process.
8. **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

BUILDING COMMITTEE

- *Floor Plan Meetings – 11/6/25, 8:00am – 10:00am*
- *Building Exterior & Floor Plan Update – 11/14/25*
- *Mechanical/Plumbing/Fire Protection Systems Goals – 11/21/25*
- *Electrical Systems Goals – 11/24/25*



In conclusion, we continue to make progress on the plans and progress the due diligence on each of these complicated issues. As mentioned in previous updates, we continue to take this in a step-by-step process ensuring that we overcome hurdles as they come up in lieu of pushing forward without the critical answers, all along keeping the Villages best interests and funding at mind.

We look forward to continuing to work through each of these project components. Should you have any questions, please let Bachana know, and we can address those as they come up.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Krzyzanowski".

Robert W Krzyzanowski
Director of Emergency Services and CSL
Senior Associate Principal

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Kaitlin Chmura
Project Manager

Attachments:

Building Committee Meeting Agendas: 10/10/25, 10/24/25, 10/31/25

Building Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: October 10th, 2025 @ 8:00amEST

Subject: Village of Saranac Lake Public Safety Building

Location: Saranac Vol. Fire Dept & Zoom

Project Location: 33 Petrova Avenue, Saranac Lake, New York 12983

TOPICS:

1. Update on Consultant Contracts

- a. Geotechnical – Colliers
- b. Phase 1 ESA – KAS
- c. Wetlands Consultant

2. Site Plan Review

- a. Need to confirm required parking spaces per department
 - i. EMS
 - ii. Fire
 - iii. Police

3. Floor Plan Review

- a. Concept Plan dated 8/25/25
- b. Code Review Overview & Structural Implications
- c. AHJ / Code Enforcement Meeting Update

4. USDA Report Update

5. Upcoming Meetings

- a. AHJ / Code Enforcement Meeting – 10/09/25
- b. Village Board Update – TBD (end of October)
- c. Public Information Session – TBD

Building Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: October 24th, 2025 @ 8:00amEST

Subject: Village of Saranac Lake Public Safety Building

Location: Saranac Vol. Fire Dept & Zoom

Project Location: 33 Petrova Avenue, Saranac Lake, New York 12983

TOPICS:

1. Update on Consultants

- a. Geotechnical – Colliers
- b. Wetlands Consultant – Dan Spada

2. Site Plan

- a. Design team is working through the changes related to the driveway and wetland buffer, site demolition, building elevations, and other site related items
- b. Revised draft site plan is expected to be reviewed with Committee at the next Committee Meeting

3. Floor Plan Review

- a. AHJ / Code Enforcement Meeting Update – design is moving forward with Option 1 as presented
- b. Design team is working through the floor plan modifications based on revised building elevations, structural upgrades and columns, and review of accessibility and exiting.
- c. Wendel to provide overview of floor plan to new committee members.
- d. Revised draft floor plan is expected to be reviewed with Committee at the next Committee Meeting
 - i. Subsequent meetings to be held with each group to finalize

4. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Committee Meetings – Fridays @ 8:00amEST.
 - i. Schematic Site Plan – 10/31/25
 - ii. Floor Plan Meeting – week of 11/3/25
 - iii. Building Exterior – 11/14/25
- b. Village Board Update – TBD
- c. Public Information Session – TBD

Building Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: October 31st, 2025 @ 8:00amEST

Subject: Village of Saranac Lake Public Safety Building

Location: Saranac Vol. Fire Dept & Zoom

Project Location: 33 Petrova Avenue, Saranac Lake, New York 12983

TOPICS:

1. Update on Consultants

- a. Geotechnical – Colliers
- b. Wetlands Consultant – Dan Spada

2. Site Plan

- a. Review of Draft Site Demolition Plan
- b. Review of Draft Site Plan
- c. Review of site constraints and challenges

3. Floor Plan Review – N/A

4. Upcoming Meetings

- a. *Committee Meetings – Fridays @ 8:00amEST;*

****No Meeting Friday, 11/7****

- i. *Floor Plan Meetings – 11/6, 8:00am – 10:00am*
 - ii. *Building Exterior & Floor Plan Update – 11/14/25*
 - iii. *Mechanical/Plumbing/Fire Protection Systems Goals – 11/21/25*
 - iv. *Electrical Systems Goals – 11/24/25*
- b. Village Board Update – TBD
- c. Public Information Session – TBD