## COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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A special meeting of the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency was held on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 via Zoom at 4:00 p.m. The following were:

**PRESENT:** Dave O'Brien Chair

Nick Caimano Member
Craig Leggett Vice Chair
Mike Wild Member
Dan Bruno Member
Ginny Sullivan Member
Mike Grasso Member
Mary King Member

ABSENT: Brian Campbell Park Chair

Michael Bittel Sec/Treasurer

The following were also present:

Kara Lais, Esq. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth, PC

Beth Gilles Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board

Jeff Budrow Weston & Sampson Joe Zongol Weston & Sampson Amy McLean Weston & Sampson

Laura Oswald Washington County Director of Economic Development

Zack Longo Weston & Sampson

Joe Brilling Director of Washington County Sewer District

John Aspland Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth, PC
Michael Crowe Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth, PC

Minutes were taken by: Alie Weaver Office Administrator

Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

**Review and approval of USDA Weston & Sampson Canalside Energy Park Report** – Mr. Budrow and Mr. Zongol presented the Canalside Energy Park Feasibility Report, giving a brief overview describing socioeconomic market areas and viable industrial opportunities. Mr. Zongol noted that energy production developers have expressed interest in the park.

Mr. O'Brien noted that the cost of this report is reimbursable from the National Grid and USDA grants.

Mr. Caimano made a motion to approve the USDA Weston & Sampson Canalside Energy Park Report and Mr. Grasso seconded. All voted in favor by roll call vote.

Approval of Public Hearing for Boats by George – Mr. O'Brien stated that the terms have changed from the original approval of the Boats by George/Forum project. Due to these changes a second public hearing will need to be scheduled.

Mr. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution to set the public hearing and Mr. Grasso seconded. All voted in favor by voice vote.

**Equustock** – Mr. O'Brien stated that Equustock has contacted the IDA with interest in leasing some land in the Industrial Park for approximately four months to park 6-8 semi-trailers filled with shavings for storage. He also stated that they are interested in adding a 20,000 square foot building for storage at an undetermined location at this point.

Mr. O'Brien recommended \$500 per month for four trailers or less and \$1,000 per month for five to ten trailers.

He also suggested offering Equustock to clean the lot that had been logged in exchange for the temporary land storage.

After some discussion, Mr. Caimano made a motion to have Mr. O'Brien negotiate with Equustock on this matter at his discretion. Mr. Bruno seconded and all voted in favor by voice vote.

**Executive Session and Adjournment** – Mr. Leggett made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and Mr. Bruno seconded. All voted in favor by voice vote.

Mr. O'Brien stated that the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 IDA Special Meeting will adjourn out of Executive Session.