

Fred Warrick

From: Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 3:42 PM
To: Knickmeyer, Frances B (DEC)
Cc: Fred Warrick; Ealy, David; pbarnes@co.schuyler.ny.us; Dominick Smith; Michael Lausell; Mark Rondinaro; Carl Blowers; Shawn Rosno
Subject: RE: It's Greener Now - Padua Gravel Pit: Notice of Complete Application, Acceptance of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Ms. Knickmeyer,

Thank you for understanding our concerns and arranging to extend the DEC public hearing, in-person session from 2 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13 for the Padua Ridge/It's Greener Now, Inc. application to expand their gravel mine. We understand that web and phone public hearing on Monday, February 12th is set at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Best, Laurie

Honorable Laurie DeNardo
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From: Knickmeyer, Frances B (DEC) <Frances.Knickmeyer@dec.ny.gov>
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To: Mayor <Mayor@watkinsglen.us>; Dominick Smith <DSmith@townofdix.com>
Cc: Fred Warrick <villageclerk@watkinsglen.us>; Ealy, David <DEALY@TREVETTCRISTO.COM>; pbarnes@co.schuyler.ny.us
Subject: RE: It's Greener Now - Padua Gravel Pit: Notice of Complete Application, Acceptance of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mayor DeNardo and Supervisor Smith,

DEC understands your concerns, and will make note of your objection.

Sincerely,

Frances Knickmeyer
Environmental Analyst, Division of Environmental Permits
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From: Mayor <Mayor@watkinsglen.us>
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Thank you Frances. This is unfortunate as we do feel having a public hearing in the middle of the day, in the middle of the workday is unacceptable. I understand people can call in, but a true public hearing, to listen to the people of this community, would benefit from a time that allows an inclusive hearing. I strongly recommend flexibility for a later timeframe.

Thank you. All the best, Laurie

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Dear Supervisor Smith and Mayor DeNardo,

We are not changing the time of the in-person meeting. Those who want to join the virtual hearing on Monday, February 12 do not need to have a high-speed internet connection to participate. They can join by phone only. [This document](#) provides instructions for how to join by computer, phone app, and by phone only (i.e. dialing in). Please note that anyone who wishes to join the virtual hearing will need to register in advance, using the [link provided in the Notice of Complete Application](#).

As a reminder, people can also send comments in writing by mail or email, using the contact information provided in the Notice of Complete Application.

Sincerely,

Frances Knickmeyer

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From: Dominick Smith <DSmith@townofdix.com>
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Ms. Knickmeyer,

I am of the same feeling as of Mayor DeNardo, please also understand that this area is under served by high-speed internet service and could impact those that would want to join remotely as they may not be able to. That is not fair to them also.

Please strongly consider her request of an in-person evening event also.

Together we will make this Town Better!

Thanks,

Dominick Smith

Town of Dix Supervisor

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From: Knickmeyer, Frances B (DEC) <Frances.Knickmeyer@dec.ny.gov>
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Subject: RE: It's Greener Now - Padua Gravel Pit: Notice of Complete Application, Acceptance of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mayor DeNardo,

There are two (2) legislative public comment hearing times for the proposed Padua Gravel Pit expansion:

1. a virtual hearing at 6:00 PM on February 12 *and*
2. in-person at 2:00 PM on February 13.

The Department normally only holds one virtual hearing. However, due to the anticipated public interest in this project, we are holding two hearings. The virtual hearing is being held in the evening to accommodate those who are unavailable in the middle of the day and/or who are unable to travel to the in-person location. The in-person hearing is designed to accommodate people who are unable to attend and/or are uncomfortable with a virtual hearing.

Both hearings are only for the receipt of public comments on the permit application and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The hearings are not question-and-answer sessions nor will there be any new information presented at these hearings. The public can also submit written comments at any time through February 28. If someone has questions, they can call or email our office and we will respond.

Sincerely,

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From: Mayor <Mayor@watkinsglen.us>
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Importance: High

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Dear Ms. Knickmeyer,

Thank you for forwarding the information related to the Padua Gravel Pit. I would like to object to the DEC establishing a public hearing in the middle of the day when most people will be working. There will be, and already is, much concern over this proposal and to be transparent, the public should have ample opportunity to weigh

in. Having a public hearing in at 2 p.m. will not accomplish a full and comprehensive hearing except to limit those that Mr. Wodjick knows will be opposing. Is there room to move this even later in the day to accommodate the working people of this community?

Thank you. Laurie

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From: Knickmeyer, Frances B (DEC) <Frances.Knickmeyer@dec.ny.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 10:30 AM
To: Mayor <Mayor@watkinsglen.us>; dmith@townofdix.com
Subject: It's Greener Now - Padua Gravel Pit: Notice of Complete Application, Acceptance of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mayor DeNardo and Supervisor Smith,

The Department has completed its initial review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) submitted by It's Greener Now, Inc. proposing a 60.95-acre expansion of their existing Padua Gravel Pit. This is a Type 1 action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regulations and a major project pursuant to the New York Uniform Procedures Act (UPA) regulations. Please refer to the attached notice for a detailed project description. Further information is provided in the attached letters. The attached documents as well as an electronic copy of the DEIS are being sent to you via certified mail from my office. The applicant has been instructed to send you each a hard copy of the DEIS.

Sincerely,

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