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**DRAFT AGENCY MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 18-19, 2010**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010**

**AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Curt Stiles, Chairman  
Richard Booth, Member  
Arthur Lussi, Member  
Frank Mezzano, Member  
William Thomas, Member  
Leilani Ulrich, Member  
F. William Valentino, Member  
James Fayle, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development  
Elizabeth Lowe, Designee, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Riele Morgiewicz, Designee, NYS Department of State  
Terry Martino, Executive Director  
John Banta, Counsel

**AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF ABSENT**

Cecil Wray, Member

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT**

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

**AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

Richard Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs  
Holly Kneeshaw, Assistant Director, Regulatory Programs  
Keith McKeever, Public Information Director  
James Connolly, Deputy Director, Planning  
Paul Van Cott, Associate Attorney  
Walter Linck, Associate Natural Resources Planner  
Elizabeth Phillips, Senior Attorney  
Shaun LaLonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist

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Edward Snizek, Associate Project Analyst, Fresh Water Resources  
Brian Grisi, Local Planning Assistance Specialist  
Virginia Yamrick, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
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Suzanne McSherry, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Leigh Walrath, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Greg Bendell, Environmental Engineer  
Robert Kreider, Information Technology Specialist 2  
Mitch Goroski, Senior Attorney  
Tracy Darrah, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Richard Terry, Senior Attorney  
Susan Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Mary Reardon, Secretary 1  
Deborah Lester, Secretary to Executive Director

Chairman Stiles called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. He noted the absence of Mr. Wray from this month's meeting.

Referring to the committee assignments, the Chairman advised that he would chair the Legal Affairs Committee in Mr. Wray's absence, and that Mr. Booth would chair the State Land Committee on a permanent basis.

### **1. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **2. Minutes**

On motion of Mr. Fayle, seconded by Mr. Mezzano, the Agency unanimously adopted the October 14, 2010 Draft Agency Minutes, as amended as follows by Mr. Booth:

Page 14, ¶4 - Clarification that he spoke to Hubert Humphrey Fellows from both Cornell and Syracuse Universities.

Mr. Valentino abstained from voting due to his absence from the October meeting.

### **3. Executive Director's Report**

Mrs. Martino extended congratulations to Governor-elect Andrew Cuomo on behalf of the Agency, noting it was an honor for his family to have two generations in the governorship. The Agency has been active in the development of transition information for the incoming administration and looks forward to working with the Governor.

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Mrs. Martino then highlighted the following events and activities:

- Following last month's discussions on water quality in the Park, the Agency congratulates the Town of Harrietstown in their adoption of an aquatic invasive species law. The law applies to all water bodies within the town, including the Saranac and St. Regis lakes and the Raquette River. It requires boaters to remove all aquatic plants from their boats. Violations have a fine up to \$250, and can be enforced by any law enforcement officer, including DEC, State Police, and the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. There will also be signs posted as part of their educational outreach.
- Last week, Mrs. Martino had the opportunity to greet the delegation from Finland. They were here to learn about the Adirondack Park and in particular to learn about the grass roots dialogue taking place with the leadership of the Wild Center in the ADKCAP program. The ADKCAP ongoing work has been with Adirondack Park stakeholders and communities in relation to green building efficiencies and the impacts of climate change, particularly in relation to our traditional industries in forestry and tourism. The Finland team saw direct similarities to their country which shares in having a winter recreational economy and a love for hockey. Keith McKeever presented the group with an overview of the Agency, and Walt Link discussed State land planning.
- RASS supervisor Dan Spada is part of the team that will be visiting Finland next year. Presently Dan is in China at the invitation of the Chinese Government and the East/West Center. It is a wonderful opportunity for him to share his expertise and for Agency staff to be directly involved in the export of their science on wetlands.
- The delegation from Finland also participated with the Youth Summit held last week at the Wild Center. The event provided a means for involving youth throughout the Park. It was wonderful to see the Wild Center at the fore of the youth discussions and the energy the students brought to the program.
- Jerry Jenkins will present to the Agency on Friday his perspective on climate change. Writers like Thomas Friedman speak of a "Hot, Flat and Crowded" planet, a description which the Adirondack Park does not fit. Jenkins will provide his perspective on climate change in

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the Adirondack Park in relation to the habitat, forestlands, winter economy and recreational opportunities in the Park.

- The Agency will also hear about the current state of New York's forestland in a Thursday afternoon presentation by Rob Davies and Gloria Van Dyne of DEC who will discuss the inventory of New York State's forest lands.
- Other activities in the last month include a summary and issues ruling on November 16 from Administrative Law Judge O'Connell regarding the Adirondack Club and Resort Project. The communication is part of the pre-hearing process and followed on the October 20 pre-hearing meeting that was hosted at the Agency with all involved parties.

The Agency received a response to its discovery request from the project sponsor and the staff review team is reviewing the material. Judge O'Connell has authorized a second round of discovery with responses due by January 14, 2011. By January 14 the parties will also provide the Judge with a list of the experts they plan to call as witnesses and who will testify about specific issues. The judge has yet to complete all of his pre-hearing rulings related to party status, discovery and the date on which the hearing will actually convene.

The hearings will not commence until after the start of the new year. As the Agency moves forward with this process, the Board is reminded of the ex parte rules which apply to any communication.

- Mrs. Martino reminded the Board that the Agency will no longer be operating the visitor interpretive centers effective December 31, 2010. She expressed her thanks to the dedicated staff at both the Newcomb and Paul Smiths facilities for their service to the APA and to the thousands of visitors who benefited from their commitment to the interpretation of the Adirondack Park.
- Pursuant to the Budget Division Director's call letter, in late October the Agency submitted its FY 2011-12 Agency Budget Request, which was a baseline submission as requested in the call letter.
- Within the context of the campground policy guidance discussion scheduled for Friday, Agency staff have had discussions with representatives of the Campground Owners

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of New York and look forward to scheduling a meeting with them in the new year to discuss the guidance prior to the 2011 travel season.

- The Agency started a very productive dialogue with the Local Government Review Board and AATV following recent communications with the Review Board.
- Mrs. Martino reported on attendance at a meeting in October hosted by the Northern Forest Center with Sandy Blitz, federal co-chair of the Northern Border Commission. In January of this year, the Agency heard from Rob Riley and Joe Short about their work at the Center in the development of the Strategic Economy Initiative for the four northern forest states of New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Sandy Blitz noted how the SEI plan was a baseline for funding decisions in the allocation of the \$1.5 million available during FY 2010-11. Two projects were funded in New York: \$200,000 in Gouverneur for a waterline hookup enabling a Kinney Drugs distribution center to keep more than 300 jobs. The other project funded infrastructure in Lewis County. Both projects were outside the Park.

From the start, for those who worked on the SEI initiative there was recognition about the need for increased federal investment in a coordinated fashion to address economic and community development needs.

The Commission was authorized in 2008 to receive up to \$30 million on par with other regions such as Appalachia that utilize a commission model for federal funding support. Presently the \$1.5 million 2011-12 House recommendation for funding could be cut by the Senate. Mr. Blitz reported it is important for our congressional representatives to support funding reauthorization at a higher level.

The Border Commission meeting was coordinated with the DEC Adirondack Steering Committee session and their work to also address Park planning needs. Mrs. Martino noted Bill Farber will join the Agency at this meeting to report on their activities.

- The aforementioned discussions also link to another meeting with IBM, Clarkson and ANCA, attended by Mrs. Martino and Commissioner Lussi. Participants learned about IBM's "Smarter Cities" model and how they are working with MIT to provide modeling to cities such as Portland, Oregon, with an interest in rural application. It provided the group

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with an opportunity to discuss how to brand the Park with interest in the idea of green environment = green economy.

### **4. Recusals**

Messrs. Banta and Lussi noted their recusals regarding Projects 2002-225R2 and 2010-154, respectively.

### **5. Motion for Executive Session**

On motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Valentino, the Agency voted unanimously to convene in executive session to discuss litigation involving Matter of Baker et al.

The session convened at noon, and Chairman Stiles reported prior to the close of the meeting that no action was taken.

### **6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees**

On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Valentino, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:20 a.m.

***The Agency reconvened at 11:05 p.m. for a brief presentation by William Farber, Chairman of DEC's Adirondack Steering Committee.***

### **7. DEC Adirondack Steering Committee Presentation**

Steering Committee Chairman Bill Farber presented a brief update on the status of the Committee and its progress to date. He described how the Committee has evolved since its creation in March 2008 and noted the development of successful partnerships with State agencies, local governments and stakeholders within the Park.

Mr. Farber reviewed the Committee's involvement in a number of initiatives including the effort to expand broadband service in the Park. He noted the recent setback in the CBN Connect project, along with a commitment to continue pursuing the project with federal representatives with the potential to secure future funding.

Mr. Farber commended the support received by the Committee from State agencies, including among others DEC, DOS and APA. He stressed the importance of cooperation and pooling of resources among the various groups and agencies in moving forward.

Mrs. Ulrich suggested including other State agencies, such as DED, DOH and DOT, in future dialogue.

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Mr. Farber welcomed Mrs. Ulrich's suggestion.

Chairman Stiles agreed, and welcomed further periodic reports regarding the Committee's progress.

***The Agency adjourned at 11:15 a.m., and then reconvened at 4:00 p.m. for the "Community Spotlight" segment of the meeting.***

**8. Community Spotlight: Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County**

Supervisor Barry Hutchins gave a slide presentation featuring the Town of Indian Lake. He gave special thanks to Town Historian Bill Zullo for his assistance in preparing the presentation.

The Supervisor began with an overview of the town, which also includes the hamlets of Blue Mountain Lake and Sabael. Indian Lake is the largest populated town in Hamilton County. The town is supported by two water districts, in Blue Mountain Lake and Indian Lake, as well as a sewer district.

Like all other towns in the Park, Indian Lake is going through difficult economic times. Supervisor Hutchins urged State agencies to consider that when contemplating rule making and land classification. In the case of the Moose River Plains recreational area, he applauded the cooperative working relationship between DEC, APA, environmental groups and local government, and the progress that has been made to date.

Supervisor Hutchins noted that Indian Lake's central location in Hamilton County is a major reason why the DOT Resident Engineer's office and DEC maintenance Center are located there. Also, the County's service-oriented departments are also located within the town.

The town has made upgrades to its infrastructure, including the recent renovation of the town hall, the construction of a wastewater treatment system ten years ago, and the recent upgrade to the collection system. He noted an ongoing issue with respect to coordinating with the involved agencies for permits and funding for the filtration system. The town is currently working with the fire department and ambulance corps to upgrade their facilities. He noted the importance of assistance and cooperation of State agencies in these efforts, as well as the development of snowmobile community connector trails, particularly the Indian Lake-Lake Pleasant linkage. He

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emphasized the importance, economically, of connecting communities.

Supervisor Hutchins referred to a town project involving the construction of a parking lot to accommodate the whitewater rafting program. He noted issues with the Agency's permitting process for this project, which started four years ago, and he expressed concern over whether the funding dedicated for the project through Senator Little's office is still available. The Supervisor also noted the recently completed Verizon Wireless tower project as well as the town's interest in exploring the potential for producing hydroelectric power at the Indian Lake dam.

In addition to promoting the natural beauty of the area through its lakes, the town is also the self-proclaimed whitewater capital of New York, with about ten rafting companies starting and ending in Indian Lake. He noted the importance of taking into account the rafting program in the unit management planning process for the Hudson Gorge UMP and said the rafting program is economically important to the town.

Supervisor Hutchins called attention to attractions in the Town of Indian Lake, among them the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake, the Indian Lake Museum, the public library and the Indian Lake Theater, which recently re-opened with the help of a Smart Growth grant and many hours of hard work and persistence.

The town is fortunate to have a number of active civic groups such as the Indian Lake Garden Club and the volunteer fire department and ambulance corps. However, changes in demographics have affected the level of volunteerism as well as other local government issues. Supervisor Hutchins requested that the State take into consideration the lack of resources on the local government side when regulating and classifying lands.

The Supervisor asked the Agency to ramp up its support of Adirondack communities so that they can accommodate all who visit and reside in the Adirondack Park.

Supervisor Hutchins then responded to questions from Agency Members. Highlights included:

- Funding for the water district filtration project consists of \$600,000 in a no-interest loan from the USDA and the remainder in grants.

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- While the volunteer fire department and ambulance corps are at present adequately staffed, the volunteer corps is aging fast with no future prospects. The problem is exacerbated by stricter criteria and training requirements. Also, the town must pay the Chamber of Commerce for dispatching services because no one is available to volunteer their time during the day.
- Whitewater rafting in Indian Lake started 16-18 years ago with the spring season. Summer rafting was added to attract families, followed by fall rafting. Rafting is made possible by releases from the Abanakee and Indian Lake dams. The program is run in conjunction with DEC who owns the put-in site and issues a Temporary Revocable Permit to the town.
- The average number of rafters for the spring is between 500 and 800 people per day, and in the summer the number varies with the availability of water.
- While there has been considerable progress in the vicinity of Indian Lake in terms of community connector snowmobile trails, the linkage with Lake Pleasant, which requires passage across Indian Lake, still needs to be addressed. A linkage with Lake Pleasant would make Indian Lake a four-season community, open to many hours of snowmobiling, and would provide a route that is groomable and safe for the public.
- The first Great Adirondack Moose Festival held September 18-19, 2010 was a great success, drawing many locals and visitors from outside the area. The Festival will be an annual event.

Chairman Stiles thanked Supervisor Hutchins for his presentation.

The Agency adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Ariel Diggory, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Walter Linck, Associate Natural Resources Planner  
Elizabeth Phillips, Senior Attorney  
Brian Grisi, Local Planning Assistance Specialist  
Robyn Burgess, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Deborah Lester, Secretary to Executive Director

Chairman Stiles called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

**1. Committee Reports**

a. Regulatory Programs Committee

- (1) 2002-225R2, John and Linda Banta

The matter involves a second renewal request for construction of a single family dwelling with on-site wastewater treatment system and water supply, and the construction of a dock on a preexisting vacant lot of record.

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Mrs. Ulrich noted permit language that was added to "Project Site and Project Description" that the property involves a pre-existing lot of record.

She then moved approval of the renewal request in accordance with the revised draft permit. Mr. Lussi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. A copy of the permit as approved by the Agency is attached to the official minutes.

(2) 2010-218, ARISE of Northern NY, LLC and Big Tupper, LLC

The project involves a request to use the Big Tupper ski center for a second year and the addition of a third trail.

Mrs. Ulrich referred to a minor typographical error on page 2, and noted that staff are comfortable with the wastewater issues.

On motion of Mrs. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Fayle, the Agency unanimously approved the draft permit. A copy of the permit as approved by the Agency is attached to the official minutes.

(3) 2010-154, New York RSA No. 2 Cellular Partnership  
d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Mrs. Ulrich reported that the Committee received a presentation on the proposal. The Committee provided feedback, but did not take action on the project. She noted that the applicant has suspended the clock to allow coordination between the Agency and the Lake Placid-North Elba Joint Review Board, who may also be acting on the project. The project is expected to come back to the Agency for action as early as January.

(4) General Permit 2011G-1: Subdivisions Involving Wetlands

Mrs. Ulrich reported that following an in-depth staff presentation, the Committee voted to authorize public notice of the general permit. Staff were asked to ensure that the conditions and details of the general permit and certification correspond.

On motion of Mrs. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Agency unanimously authorized the general permit for public notice.

Counsel advised that the general permit would be presented for Agency action as soon as the February meeting.

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b. Local Government Services Committee

(1) Town of Edinburg Local Land Use Program Amendment

The proposed amendment involves the replacement of the town's existing zoning, land use and subdivision ordinance.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Morgiewicz, the Agency unanimously approved the town's amendment request.

(2) Town of Queensbury Local Land Use Program Amendment

The proposed amendment involves revisions to the town's local sign law.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Mezzano, the Agency unanimously approved the town's amendment request.

c. State Land Committee

(1) Reclassification Actions in the Vicinity of the Moose River Plains Wild Forest

Mr. Booth referred to an integrated series of actions including proposed reclassifications and revisions to the State Land Master Plan. The proposed actions involve:

- Creation of a new 12,269-acre wilderness area to the north of the West Canada Lake Wilderness;
- Reclassification of 2,925 acres from Wild Forest to Intensive Use to create a new Moose River Plains Intensive Use Camping Area along the Limekiln Lake-Cedar River;
- Reclassification of an estimated 2,398 acres from Wild Forest to Wilderness for addition to the West Canada Lake Wilderness Area (see Proposed Reclassification Map - Attachment 1 of FGEIS);
- Reclassification of 163 acres from Moose River Plains Wild Forest to Blue Ridge Wilderness; and
- Reclassification of 59 acres from West Canada Lake Wilderness to Moose River Plains Wild Forest.

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Mr. Booth moved, and Mr. Lussi seconded approval of the resolution finding the proposed reclassifications and revisions to be consistent with the guidelines and criteria for amending the State Land Master Plan, and authorizing the Agency Chairman to forward the reclassification recommendations and revisions to the Governor for his approval.

Prior to voting, Mr. Connolly pointed out that with the approval, the area descriptions would need to be revised accordingly. He suggested that Mr. Booth's motion also include delegation of these further revisions to staff, in consultation with the Chairman and Executive Director.

Mr. Booth amended his motion accordingly.

Mr. Thomas inquired as to the Agency's procedure for naming the newly created area.

Chairman Stiles replied that it would be at the discretion of the Governor.

The Chairman then called the question, which passed unanimously. A copy of the resolution as approved by the Agency is attached to the official minutes.

Mr. Booth expressed his appreciation to Agency and DEC staff for their significant effort with regard to the Moose River Plains package, which will serve the interests of the Park as a whole.

(2) Watson's East Triangle Wild Forest Unit Management Plan

On motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously adopted a resolution finding the proposed final Watson's East Triangle Wild Forest Unit Management Plan to be in conformance with the general guidelines and criteria of the State Land Master Plan. A copy of the resolution as approved by the Agency is attached to the official minutes.

(3) Scaroon Manor Public Campground Unit Management Plan

The amendment allows for the development of a new snowmobile trail which will link to trails in the Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest, creating an important connection between existing snowmobile trails in northern Warren and southern Essex counties. Also, the new trail will re-route snowmobile traffic away from the frozen surface of Schroon Lake and will be utilized for hiking and biking during spring, summer and fall.

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On motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the Agency unanimously adopted a resolution finding the proposed final Scaroon Manor Public Campground Unit Management Plan Amendment to be in conformance with the general guidelines and criteria of the State Land Master Plan. The action is conditioned on inter-agency consultation and review of field conditions as described in the resolution. A copy of the resolution as approved by the Agency is attached to the official minutes.

d. Park Ecology Committee

Mrs. Ulrich reported that after 17 years digital wetlands maps are now available for the entire Park.

She also commended a presentation by DEC staff on the State-wide forest resource assessment and strategy, and a presentation by author Jerry Jenkins on his book "Climate Change in the Adirondacks: The Path to Sustainability."

Referring to the forest resource assessment and strategy, Mrs. Ulrich noted as a point of clarification that the map showing the State of New York as the epicenter of problems depicts all the non-native species in addition to the invasive species. The Committee looks forward to follow-up to the presentation.

Mrs. Ulrich then referred to the presentation by Jerry Jenkins, which she described as a very thoughtful presentation with great implications. She expressed her hope that Mr. Jenkins will return to the Agency to discuss energy issues at greater length, preferably in the spring as the Agency looks to wind and other issues that continue to come forward.

e. Legal Affairs Committee

Chairman Stiles reported that the Committee discussed variance process, Executive Order 25 and campground guidance, followed by a review of Agency bills from 2009-10. The Chairman invited comments and suggestions from the commissioners regarding legislative ideas and, hearing none, he suggested there would be additional opportunity to express ideas at a later date.

**8. Interim Reports**

The Park Policy, Enforcement, Economic, Interpretive and Administration Committees did not meet this month. In addition to monthly program reports which were included in the Agency meeting mailing, the committees reported as follows:

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### a. Interpretive Programs Committee

Ms. Lowe noted this month marked the final report of the Committee.

### b. Administration Committee

Mr. Mezzano reported that staff had provided him with a copy of the Agency's FY 2011-12 budget request which he would review.

## **9. Public Comment**

While noting he had not initially supported the proposal, John Frey, Supervisor of the Town of Inlet (Hamilton County), thanked DEC and the Agency for their work on the Moose River Plains package. Supervisor Frey also suggested "Little Moose Wilderness Area" as a name for the newly created wilderness area and commended the effort to bring closure to these important matters.

Public comments are part of the Agency's web cast and may be viewed at [http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=2](http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2).

## **10. Member Comment**

Ms. Lowe, in follow-up to the presentation by Jerry Jenkins, called attention to the Governor's November 9 release of the State's Climate Action Plan. The Plan provides a blueprint for reducing greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2015, and details how New York can modernize and transform the State power supply, building codes and agriculture through utilizing clean energy and technology. Comments are being accepted until mid-February.

Mr. Lussi referred to the rustic guide rail issue, and noted that Vermont has started implementing galvanized rail treated with adhesive paint. He suggested NYS DOT consider doing the same. Mr. Lussi also commented on the recent announcement about the lack of funding for the Empire State Games, and he expressed confidence that Lake Placid and the Adirondacks would come through in support of the Games. Mr. Lussi then referred to Jerry Jenkins's book, and said he was excited to learn what little things could be done to contribute towards a cleaner planet. He challenged Agency Members to set an example by replacing their paper cups with coffee mugs. In terms of tracking and researching energy consumption, those who are planning to insulate their homes, caulk windows or seal doors, should record how much energy they are consuming before and after to create baseline data for homeowners in the Park.

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Finally, Mr. Lussi commended Supervisor Barry Hutchins on his presentation to the Agency. The Moose Festival is a good example of innovative economic development in difficult economic times.

Mrs. Ulrich noted this month's Agency meeting as being another very productive meeting. Related to Mr. Lussi's comments and challenge to Agency Members to do their part, she referred to a documentary entitled "I AM - The Documentary," which focuses on what is wrong with the world and what we can do about it. The documentary will be released in theaters in February 2011. Mrs. Ulrich also commended the Executive Director and Chairman for embracing "group" input. Finally, she wished everyone happy and safe holidays.

Mr. Booth referred to the Chairman's request for legislative ideas, and stated that the problem of utility corridors across State land needs to be resolved, short of amending the Constitution. Mr. Booth thanked both Agency and DEC staff for their work on the Moose River Plains package, as well as the public for their input. He referred to the satellite picture that was part of the Big Tupper ski center presentation, noting it has set a new standard in terms of use of photography in presentations.

Mr. Valentino commented on a recent trip to the Middle East by him and his wife, and noted the cooperative efforts of Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians to clean up the pollution in the River Jordan. He then commented on the Local Government Review Board white paper, specifically the misunderstandings in the paper regarding the Agency's responsibilities. He recalled the time he was first nominated for a seat on the Agency board and when Senator Little discussed with him the economic problems in the Adirondacks and provided him with a copy of the APRAP report. He noted that upon reading the report, reaching out to various people, and applying his skills as an analyst, he arrived at some different conclusions. Mr. Valentino acknowledged the changing demographics in the Park, and noted the need to develop a reservoir of shared objective information for all sides of the issue.

Mr. Fayle called attention to the recent announcement by Newton Falls Fine Paper on their decision to go on a 4-month shutdown starting in mid-December. He noted ESD's extensive work with the company in the past year and a half, and the Department's agreement with the company's decision. He also applauded the company's commitment to pay their employees for another month while not working to cover health costs, noting it demonstrated

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their commitment. He described it as a temporary setback which in the long run will be the most positive direction for the company. Mr. Fayle then referred to the new business center in Saranac Lake and encouraged entrepreneurs and business people to utilize their services, which include conference facilities, computers and broadband. He also noted Adirondack Economic Development Corporation's (AEDC) search for a new Executive Director, and AEDC's commitment to carrying out its mission. AEDC continues to fund loans and provide training services to small businesses. Finally, the ESD board approved the partners for their new small loan project. They included the North Country Alliance, which covers six counties in the top part of the North Country of which three are in the Park. The Alliance received \$1.8 million in loan funds, to be matched, for a total of up to \$3.6 million for loans \$25,000 and above. The AEDC received \$1 million, to be matched, for a total of \$2 million targeted specifically for the Park, (\$500,000 for loans \$25,000 and below, and \$500,000 for loans above \$25,000). Finally, Mr. Fayle wished happy holidays and safe travels to all.

Ms. Morgiewicz encouraged people to visit the Department's re-designed web site at <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/>. She called particular attention to upcoming dates for environmental efficiency grants as well as training opportunities that are available between now and Local Government Day in March 2011. Ms. Morgiewicz wished everyone a happy, safe and healthy holiday season.

Mr. Thomas referred to the Review Board's white paper as representing the opinions of a group that works closely with the Agency on a monthly basis. He said he felt the paper represented an opportunity for the group and the Board to collaborate and work together toward positive results which benefit both the Agency and local government. Also, Mr. Thomas reported that planning for Local Government Day had begun and he looked forward to next March.

Mrs. Martino wished all the best for the holiday season. She noted that this meeting would conclude the Agency's business for the year. She advised the Board that year-end division reports would be provided with the January mailing, and the Agency's 2010 Annual Report was anticipated for the February meeting. She reported that the end of the year marked the conclusion of a longstanding relationship with the EPA with respect to administration of funding, and also concluded the compliance and outreach work done by EPA contractor Aaron Ziemann on behalf of the RASS and Regulatory Programs. Mrs. Martino referred to the monthly staff meetings, which are typically scheduled for the

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week following the Agency meeting. She noted that in response to staff feedback, staff meetings are now conducted as roundtable discussions reflecting on the Agency meeting discussions and soliciting input from the staff. The roundtable format provides an opportunity for the Executive Director to meet with the staff as a whole and for all staff to interface with the various divisions. Mrs. Martino then noted her and Mr. Lussi's participation in a meeting with IBM, ANCA and Clarkson University which included dialogue regarding green economy and green environment and what it means in terms of communities, people who live in and visit the Park, what attracts people and businesses to the Park, and what can be done in terms of branding for the Park that directly links green environment and green economy in ways that benefit both. Referring to the Moose River Plains, Mrs. Martino commended the work of Agency and DEC staff, State Land Committee Chair Booth, and the community input. Also, Mrs. Martino applauded the Town of Indian Lake's creativity in organizing the first Moose Festival and linking it to the Moose River Plains. The ARISE project in Tupper Lake and the volunteers involved with that project are another example of the commitment to the economy of a community. Finally, the Legal Committee's discussion of campground guidance is an example of the Agency's focus on an important industry in the Park.

Chairman Stiles referred to the Moose River Plains action and noted that the decision itself was the easy part, the hard part being the longstanding dialogue and significant work that went into the proposal. He pointed out that the Moose River Plains process was a success model and presented an opportunity for improvement by reducing the cycle time while still arriving at a good outcome. The Chairman acknowledged that while the advocacy continues until the time of decision, the facts should be separated out. Also, he credited local government and the public for their input throughout the process. The Chairman then referred to the presentation by Jerry Jenkins which included the Spring Pond Bog. He urged people to visit the Bog, noting it is a remarkable area that one must see to truly appreciate the Adirondacks. Finally, Chairman Stiles said he planned to follow up with each board member between now and January to engage in individual conversations by phone or in person to discuss the Agency's agenda for 2011. He said the Agency made much progress in 2010 as a board and made a number of difficult decisions on age-old issues which the Board can now be put behind it and focus on opportunities before it. He wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

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**11. Adjournment**

The Agency unanimously adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

CFS:dal

Attachments: 2002-225R2 - John and Linda Banta  
2010-218, ARISE of Northern NY and Big Tupper  
Resolution - State land management actions in the  
vicinity of the Moose River Plains Wild Forest  
Resolution - Watson's East Triangle Wild Forest UMP  
Resolution - Scaroon Manor Public Campground UMP  
Amendment

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Curtis F. Stiles, Chairman

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**THIS PERMIT RENEWS PERMITS 2002-225 ISSUED NOVEMBER 18, 2002 and**  
**2002-225R ISSUED NOVEMBER 13, 2006**  
**THIS IS A TWO-SIDED DOCUMENT**

 <p>P.O. Box 99 • Ray Brook, New York 12977 • (518) 891-4050</p>	<p><b>APA Project Permit 2002-225R2</b></p>
<p>In the Matter of the Application of <b>JOHN S. BANTA AND LINDA J. BANTA</b></p> <p>for a permit pursuant to §809 of the Adirondack Park Act and 9 NYCRR Parts 577 and 578</p>	<p>Date Issued: November 19, 2010</p> <p>To the County Clerk: This permit must be recorded on or before January 17, 2011. Please index this permit in the grantor index under the following names: <b>1. John S. Banta</b> <b>2. Linda J. Banta</b></p>

**SUMMARY AND AUTHORIZATION**

John S. Banta and Linda J. Banta are granted a renewed permit, on conditions, authorizing a single family dwelling and floating dock in an area classified Resource Management by the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map in the Town of Harrietstown, Franklin County.

This project may not be undertaken, and no transfer deed shall be recorded, until this renewed permit is recorded in the Franklin County Clerk's Office. This renewed permit shall expire unless so recorded on or before January 17, 2011 in the names of all persons listed on the first page hereof and in the names of all owners of record of any portion of the project site on the recordation date.

This renewed permit is void if the project authorized herein is not in existence within four years from the date the permit is recorded. The Agency will consider this project in existence when the dwelling's foundation is installed.

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Nothing contained in this permit shall be construed to satisfy any legal obligations of the applicant to obtain any governmental approval or permit from any entity other than the Agency, whether federal, state, regional or local.

**AGENCY JURISDICTION**

The project consists of a new single family dwelling in a Resource Management area, a Class B regional project requiring an Agency permit pursuant to §810(2)(d)(1) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act. The dock will involve wetlands which is a Class A regional project requiring an Agency permit pursuant to §810(1)(e)(1) (b) of the Act and a regulated activity requiring a wetlands permit pursuant to 9 NYCRR §578.2 and §578.3(n)(1)(iv). The dock is also a rivers project requiring an Agency permit pursuant to 9 NYCRR Sections 577.4(a) and 577.5(c)(1).

**PROJECT SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project site is a 1.002 acre preexisting vacant lot of record located on Kiwassa outlet in the Town of Harrietstown, Franklin County, in an area classified Resource Management on the Adirondack Park Land use and Development Plan Map. The project as proposed and conditionally approved herein is summarized as follows: a new two-story, three-bedroom single family dwelling and a 20± foot long floating dock. The project site, building envelope for the single family dwelling and well and on-site wastewater treatment system are shown on a map entitled "Survey and Site Plan Prepared for John S. Banta and Linda J. Banta" prepared by Glenn D. Odone, L.S., dated August 24, 2001 and last revised July 12, 2002 (hereafter referred to as the "Site Plan").

Provisions for treatment of the dwelling's wastewater are shown on the Site Plan and are described in a July 2002 report entitled "On-Site Wastewater System Design Report for John and Linda Banta Property prepared by F.X. Browne, Inc.

A reduced-scale copy of the Site Plan is attached as a part of this permit for reference. The original, full-scale map and plans referenced in this permit are the official plans for the project.

Underground utilities will be installed from the shoreline of Kiwassa Outlet to the single family dwelling along an existing

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footpath. Electric and telephone service are provided to the site by existing underwater cables beneath Kiwassa Outlet.

The project as originally proposed and authorized has not been undertaken to date. The applicant has requested that the Agency issue a renewed permit to allow the project to be undertaken and completed as originally proposed and authorized. No changes to the project are proposed.

**CONDITIONS**

**BASED UPON THE FINDINGS BELOW AND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE PROJECT FILE, THE RENEWED PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. All conditions in Permits 2002-225 and 2002-225R remain in full force and effect.
2. This renewed permit is binding on the applicant(s), all present and future owners of the project site and all contractors undertaking all or a portion of the project. Copies of this permit and the site plan map(s) referred to herein shall be furnished by the applicant to all subsequent owners or lessees of the project site prior to sale or lease, and by the applicant and/or any subsequent owner or lessee to all contractor(s) undertaking any construction activities pursuant to the permitted project. All deeds conveying all or a portion of the lands subject to this permit shall contain references to this permit as follows: "The lands conveyed are subject to Adirondack Park Agency Permit 2002-225 issued November 18, 2002, Permit 2002-225R issued November 13, 2006 and Permit 2002-225R2 issued November 19, 2010, the terms and conditions of which are binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the grantors and all subsequent grantees." All deeds shall also include reference to the Declaration of Covenants.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Findings of Fact 1 through 13 which are contained in Permit 2002-225 which was issued on November 18, 2002 and recorded on December 27, 2002 in the Franklin County Clerk's Office in Book 15 of APA Permits at page 227, and Finding of Fact 14 which is contained in Permit 2002-225R which was issued on November 13, 2006 and recorded on January 4, 2007 in Book 21 at Page 130, are incorporated herein by reference and remain in effect.



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acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity,  
and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or  
the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed  
the instrument.

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Notary Public

REW:HEK:mlr

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**PERMIT 2010-218**

**ARISE of Northern NY and Big Tupper**

**(separate attachment)**

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**RESOLUTION  
ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY  
WITH RESPECT TO  
PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION OF STATE LAND IN THE  
MOOSE RIVER PLAINS WILD FOREST, WEST CANADA LAKE WILDERNESS AND  
BLUE RIDGE WILDERNESS,  
PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF RIVER AREA BOUNDARIES AND CONDITIONAL  
REVIEW OF RELATED UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN ACTIONS**

**November 19, 2010**

**WHEREAS**, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan, adopted pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (Executive Law, Article 27), provides guidelines for classifying lands within the Adirondack Park by the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adirondack Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation have acted as co-lead agencies for the integrated series of proposed State land management actions in the vicinity of the Moose River Plains Wild Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) for reclassification actions concurrently with a proposed final Unit Management Plan and related documents provided a unique opportunity to coordinate Agency and Department proposals into an integrated proposal for future management of the Moose River Plains; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed action involves revisions to the Adirondack State Land Master Plan and proposed reclassification of approximately 2,398 acres of lands from Moose River Plains Wild Forest to West Canada Lake Wilderness; proposed reclassification of approximately 12,269 acres of lands from Moose River Plains Wild Forest to a new Wilderness area north and west of the Wild Forest corridor and south of the Moose River Plains Wild Forest and the Moose River Plains Intensive Use Camping Area; reclassification of 2,925 acres from Moose River Plains Wild Forest to Intensive Use; reclassification of 163 acres from Moose River Plains Wild Forest to Blue Ridge Wilderness; and reclassification of 59 acres from West Canada Lake Wilderness to Moose River Plains Wild Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Wilderness area was originally proposed to be an addition to the West Canada Lake Wilderness, and the impacts of reclassification to Wilderness were assessed and evaluated in the FGEIS; and

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**WHEREAS**, a Wild Forest corridor, on which motorized use will be specifically prohibited as part of this revision to the State Land Master Plan, will be retained along the Otter Brook Trail and former Wilson Ridge Road to improve mountain biking opportunities in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has sought input from local officials and mountain bike groups on the proposals for mountain bike routes in the Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department, in consultation with the Agency, has prepared proposed final Unit Management Plans for the Moose River Plains Wild Forest, Moose River Plains Intensive Use Camping Area, and related documents including River Area Management Plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has proposed River Area Management Plans for the portions of the Cedar River, Red River, Otter Brook and the South Branch of the Moose River designated as Scenic under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System Act (Environmental Conservation Law Article 15, Title 27), and has proposed maintaining the interim boundaries of one-half mile from the mean high water mark of either side of the river for the scenic river areas of the Cedar River, Red River, and Otter Brook as the final boundaries of those river areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has proposed establishing the boundary for the South Branch of the Moose River Scenic River Area at one-half mile from the mean high water mark of either side of the river, except for a section where the corridor will be one-quarter mile wide on the north side of the river, beginning east of Helldiver Pond and running approximately four miles east; and

**WHEREAS**, a series of public hearings were held in Indian Lake, Inlet and Albany, and an extensive public input process was conducted to provide opportunity for public comment on the reclassification, river area boundaries and Unit Management Plan proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, a Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS), including an evaluation of alternatives and potential adverse impacts, was prepared, and notice of acceptance of the FGEIS was published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on November 3, 2010; and

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**WHEREAS**, the FGEIS describes a comprehensive, integrated series of related reclassification actions and management proposals involving the Moose River Plains Wild Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the FGEIS and proposed final Unit Management Plan evaluate potential impacts to Wilderness and Wild Forest, open space, physical, biological and scenic resources (pages 11 through 15 of FGEIS); and

**WHEREAS**, the FGEIS and Unit Management Plan have recognized the potential economic benefits to adjacent communities which may be realized from these actions once implemented (page 16 of FGEIS); and

**WHEREAS**, the FGEIS has evaluated reasonable measures to mitigate any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed final Unit Management Plan contains an inventory of use and an evaluation of the Unit's resources to withstand use, including an assessment of impacts to adjacent State lands (pages 5 through 61 of the Unit Management Plan); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed final Unit Management Plan contains a proposed Intensive Use Area Unit Management Plan, as required by the State Land Master Plan, prior to reclassification of a Wild Forest area to Intensive Use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has scheduled a campsite evaluation study for the proposed Intensive Use Camping Area, will consult with Agency staff on closure and relocation proposals, and, if necessary, prepare a Unit Management Plan amendment for additional sites beyond the existing 116 sites currently proposed for the Intensive Use Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Unit Management Plan does not propose closing any existing campsites in the Intensive Use Camping Area until after the campsite evaluation is completed and suitable sites for relocation are identified and developed; and

**WHEREAS**, snowmobile trails in the Moose River Plains will be managed and relocated in accordance with *Management Guidance - Snowmobile Trail Siting, Construction and Maintenance on Forest Preserve Lands in the Adirondack Park (November, 2009)*, and the final configuration of snowmobile trails in the proposed Unit Management Plan will result in a net reduction of approximately 33 miles of trails in the Unit; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the proposed reclassifications and revisions to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan are consistent with the guidelines of the State Land Master Plan and the *Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement - Guidelines for Amending the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the proposed actions and management proposals are consistent with the social, economic and other essential considerations from among the reasonable alternatives available, and which avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Adirondack Park Agency agrees with the river area boundaries for the portions of the Cedar River, Red River, Otter Brook and the South Branch of the Moose River designated as Scenic under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System Act as proposed in the River Area Management Plans; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Adirondack Park Agency recommends that the reclassifications described in the proposed revisions to the text of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan and map depicting changes to the official Adirondack Park map, attached hereto, be approved by the Governor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Agency Chairman is authorized to forward these reclassification recommendations and revisions to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan to the Governor for his approval; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the proposed final Moose River Plains Wild Forest Unit Management Plan and the Moose River Plains Intensive Use Camping Area Unit Management Plan will be consistent with the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan once the reclassification and State Land Master Plan revision process is completed, and can be approved by the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation upon final approval of the Agency's reclassification recommendations by the Governor.

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**AYES:** R. Booth, A. Lussi, F. Mezzano, C. Stiles,  
W. Thomas, L. Ulrich, F. W. Valentino, J. Fayle  
(DED), E. Lowe (DEC), R. Morgiewicz (DOS)

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENCES:** C. Wray

**Attachments:** Draft Revisions to the Adirondack Park State Land  
Master Plan  
Proposed Map Changes to the Official Park Map

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**RESOLUTION AND SEQRA FINDINGS  
ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY  
WITH RESPECT TO  
WATSON'S EAST TRIANGLE WILD FOREST  
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**November 19, 2010**

**WHEREAS**, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency, individual management plans for units of land classified in the Master Plan for Management of State Lands, and requires such management plans to conform to the general guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Adirondack Park Agency (Agency) will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan complies with such general guidelines and criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department prepared a unit management plan for the Watson's East Triangle Wild Forest, dated October, 2010, for which a Negative Declaration determination was published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on September 1, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan estimates that there will be a reduction of approximately one mile of snowmobile trail mileage in the Unit upon implementation of the proposed trail reconfiguration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency determined in November, 2009 that "*Management Guidance: Snowmobile Trail Siting, Construction and Maintenance on Forest Preserve Lands In the Adirondack Park*" ("Guidance") was consistent with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan and would be jointly implemented by DEC and APA as part of the *Memorandum of Understanding on Implementation of the State Land Master Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has consulted with the Agency staff in the preparation of the Proposed Final Unit Management Plan; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Guidance does not allow road-building equipment to be used to construct or maintain snowmobile trails in the Unit and provides that trail work will be performed only under direct Department supervision and oversight using low-impact landscaping equipment in a manner that will protect the wild forest setting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has updated the Adopt a Natural Resource (AANR) Agreements and Temporary Revocable Permits (TRPs) to ensure that the Guidance will be followed for new trail construction and maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department will develop and implement Snowmobile Trail Work Plans in direct consultation with Agency staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the reconfigured trail system in the Unit will provide improved year-round recreational opportunities as well as improvements to the snowmobile trail system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency is requested to determine whether the proposed final Watson's East Triangle Unit Management Plan, dated October, 2010, is consistent with the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan, and the Agency has reviewed the proposed final plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the proposed final Watson's East Triangle Wild Forest Unit Management Plan conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Adirondack Park Agency authorizes its Executive Director to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the Agency's determination in this matter.

**AYES:** R. Booth, A. Lussi, F. Mezzano, C. Stiles,  
W. Thomas, L. Ulrich, F. W. Valentino, J. Fayle  
(DED), E. Lowe (DEC), R. Morgiewicz (DOS)

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENCES:** C. Wray

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY  
THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY  
WITH RESPECT TO SCAROON MANOR PUBLIC CAMPGROUND  
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT**

**November 19, 2010**

**WHEREAS**, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act directs the Department of Environmental Conservation to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency, individual management plans for units of land classified in the Master Plan for Management of State Lands and requires such management plans to conform to the general guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Adirondack Park Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan complies with such general guidelines and criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Environmental Conservation adopted the first unit management plan for the Scaroon Manor Public Campground in August 2002, and has now prepared an amendment to the plan dated November 2010, which includes proposed management actions for a snowmobile trail in the Towns of Schroon, Essex County, and Chester, Warren County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has filed a SEQOR Negative Declaration and published a notice in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on November 17, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Environmental Conservation is the lead agency, and the Adirondack Park Agency is an involved agency whose staff have been consulted in the preparation of the proposed plan amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adirondack Park Agency has reviewed the proposed Scaroon Manor Unit Management Plan Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency is requested to determine whether the final Scaroon Manor Public Campground Unit Management Plan Amendment, dated November, 2010, is consistent with the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Scaroon Manor Public Campground Unit Management Plan calls for the development of a new snowmobile trail, which will link to the trail system in the adjacent Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has approved the Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest Unit Management Plan, dated April 2005, which proposed designation and construction of a snowmobile trail to provide snowmobile access between the hamlets of Pottersville and Schroon Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, this snowmobile trail is an important connection between the existing trails in northern Warren County and southern Essex County; and

**WHEREAS**, snowmobiles currently use the frozen surface of Schroon Lake to travel north to south in this area; and

**WHEREAS**, the guidance for "Snowmobile Trail Siting, Construction and Maintenance on Forest Preserve Lands in the Adirondack Park" encourages the re-routing of trails from frozen water bodies due to safety concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendment provides a snowmobile trail that does not cross a waterbody; and

**WHEREAS**, the Scaroon Manor Public Campground Unit Management Plan recognizes the need to improve public use and enjoyment of the area according to the guidelines and criteria of the State Land Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Scaroon Manor Public Campground Unit Management Plan also recognizes the need for and recommends development of multiple use recreation trails; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the snowmobile trail being developed will also be utilized during spring, summer and fall for hiking and biking;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the Scaroon Manor Public Campground Unit Management Plan Amendment, dated November 2010, conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the determination of consistency is conditioned on inter-agency consultation and review of field conditions, including an evaluation of the project for potential impacts to freshwater wetlands and reducing the need for grading and disturbance of vegetation, in accordance with the *DEC/APA MOU for the Implementation of the State Land Master Plan*; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Adirondack Park Agency authorizes its Executive Director to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the Agency's determination in this matter.

**AYES:** R. Booth, A. Lussi, F. Mezzano, C. Stiles,  
W. Thomas, L. Ulrich, F. W. Valentino, J. Fayle  
(DED), E. Lowe (DEC), R. Morgiewicz (DOS)

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENCES:** C. Wray