

2013 Agency Board Highlights

FULL AGENCY

- **Appointment of Agency Counsel** – Approved appointment of Agency counsel by acclamation. (January 2013)
- **2012 Annual Report** – Year in review by the Executive Director. (February 2013)
- **Earth Day 2013** – Adopted resolution commemorating Earth Day 2013. (April 2013)
- **Executive Session**
 - Litigation involving Protect the Adirondacks! lawsuits regarding the Adirondack Club and Resort project and the snowmobile guidance. (April 2013)
 - Governance Agreement for the Hudson River and Lake Champlain Habitat Enhancement, Restoration, and Research/Habitat Improvement Project Trust (related to Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. –CHPEI). (May 2013)
 - Litigation involving Douglas (Martino recused in Douglas). (October 2013)
 - Authorized settlement with no admission of liability in Matter of Douglas (Martino recused in Douglas). (October 2013)
- **Tree Planting in Honor of Richard Lawrence** – Planting of tree in honor of Richard Lawrence, the first chairman of the Adirondack Park Agency. (May 2013)

- **Hudson River-Lake Champlain Habitat Enhancement, Restoration and Research/Habitat Improvement Project Trust** – Authorized Executive Director to execute Governance Agreement on behalf of the Agency. (May 2013)
- **2014 Agency Meeting Calendar** –
 - Proposed for Agency review. (August 2013)
 - Approved by Agency. (September 2013)
- **Essex Chain of Lakes/Indian River/OK Slip Tracts (Finch) Classification** – The Board discussed the Preferred Alternative and draft Resolution followed by a questions and answers session. On motion, the Board unanimously approved the Finch 2013 Resolution. (December 11- 13, 2013)

ADMINISTRATION

- Staff updated the Board on changes in Administration and Bob Kreider's presentation on the change from working for the Agency to the Information Technology Office. He explained some of the vast changes and improvements coming with the move. (November 2013)

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

- **Village of Saranac Lake** – Presentation by Mayor Clyde Rabideau, Village of Saranac Lake (Franklin and Essex counties). (February 2013)
- **Town of Day** – Presentation by Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson, Town

of Day, Saratoga County. (March 2013)

- **Town of Queensbury** – Presentation by Supervisor Ron Montesi, Town of Queensbury, Warren County. (May 2013)

ECONOMIC

- **Wood Pellet Boiler Heating Systems** – Presentations by Dan Bower and Lee Daunais (Saranac Lake Central School District) and Dave Dungate of ACT Bioenergy. (February 2013)
- **Comparison of Land Use and Home Sales in Conservation and Conventional Development Projects** – Presentation by Sarah Reed, Wildlife Conservation Society North America Program, highlighting research conducted in Colorado through compilation of approximately 400 conservation development subdivisions. (March 2013)
- **Essex Pallet & Pellet** – Presentation by owner Colleen Lemza. (June 2013)
- **Sootbusters, LLC** – Presentation by Ursula Vaillancourt, owner of Sootbusters, a full-service chimney business which expanded to include tree work, wood pellet delivery and clean-up services, highlighting how small businesses can diversify their offerings to maximize sales. (April 2013)
- **J & L Steel Site** – Presentation by Town of Fine Supervisor Mark Hall, NYS DEC Region 6 Director Judy Drabicki, and Development of the North Country Director of Engineering Carrie Tuttle on the remediation of the J & L Steel site in the Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County. (August 2013)

- **Review of Conservation Development Ordinances in the Northeast and an Examination of Case Study Communities** – Presentation by Heidi Kretser, Wildlife Conservation Society North America Program, and Leslie Karasin, Wildlife Conservation Society Adirondack Program, on conservation subdivisions in the northeast United States including implications for land use planning, conservation, regulation and development practitioners, and highlighted ways to enhance the effectiveness of CD as a tool for protecting ecological integrity and wildlife connectivity on private lands. (September 2013)

ENFORCEMENT/PARK ECOLOGY/JOINT COMMITTEE

- **Jurisdiction and Review Related to Forest Management Activities in the Adirondack Park** – Presentation by John Burth and Aaron Ziemann, Agency staff. (March 2013)

ENFORCEMENT

- **Sales Web** – Enforcement staff discussed how they monitor subdivision as they occur throughout the Park through use of the Sales Web. (November 2013)

PARK ECOLOGY

- **Invasive Species Management** – Annual Report on Terrestrial Invasive Species Management Efforts for 2012. Report by Brendan Quirion, Terrestrial Project Coordinator for Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program. (January 2013)
- **Renovate® OTF** – Presentation by Scott Kishbaugh (DEC) on the use of the aquatic herbicide Renovate® OTF in NYS

waterbodies outside the Adirondack Park and lessons learned. (May 2013)

- **EPA Phase 1 Wetlands Project** – Update by Steve Langdon, US Environmental Protection Agency contractor. (October 2013)
- **Renovate OTF Guidance Document** - Presentation by Ed Snizek of Agency staff; First Reading. (October 2013)
- **Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP)** - Brendan Quirion provided an update on terrestrial invasive management work, including early season initiatives and challenges, summary of the Adirondack Park Terrestrial Response Team efforts, training accomplishments, and new and emerging threats. Meghan Johnstone provided updates on Eurasian watermilfoil and variable-leaf milfoil monitoring, spiny waterflea volunteer monitoring, education and outreach, and the Western Adirondack Aquatic Response Team accomplishments. (November 2013)

LEGAL AFFAIRS

- **Transfer of Development Rights and Procedural Bill** – Overview of Agency departmental bill by Jim Townsend and Sarah Reynolds, Agency staff. (April 2013)
- **JIF Referral Process** – Presentation by Doug Miller of Agency staff. (May 2013)
- **Consensus Rule** – Overview of proposed consensus rule that would update citations, make technical corrections, and clarify language in existing rules. (May 2013)

- Authorization for staff to undertake rulemaking and to file with Secretary of State and provide notice of adoption provided no objections from the public to the rule adoption are submitted during the comment period. (June 2013)
- Update on adoption of rule. (September 2013)
- **Development in the Adirondack Park** – Presentation on DAP guidance document by Sarah Reynolds and Jennifer McAleese of Agency staff. (September 2013)
- **Legal Guidance** – Status report by Sarah Reynolds of Agency staff. (September 2013)
- **Emergency Regulations** – Presentation by Jennifer McAleese of Agency staff on draft emergency authorization regulation designed to provide the Agency with a regulatory tool authorizing emergency actions through an expedited review process. (October 2013)
- **Counsel’s Report** –Counsel reported on the Agency’s work that will follow the passage of two constitutional amendments (Propositions 4 and 5) and the pending transfers of Camp Gabriels and Lyon Mountain Correctional Facility. (November 2013)
- **Update on Silvicultural Practices Review Group Meeting** – Counsel provided an update on Silvicultural Practices following the Forestry Roundtable at Paul Smiths College. (November 2013)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- **Local Government Day** – Overview by Brian Grisi and Robyn Burgess of Agency staff. (May 2013)
- **Adirondack Park Local Land Use Programs** - Staff provided information about model codes used to assist local governments in the preparation of local land use programs. Staff also discussed an alternative approach for communities seeking some of the benefits of a local land use program without the need for a full-blown Agency-approved program. Board endorsement of continued development of an alternative approach. (November 2013)
- **Election Results for In-Park Supervisors** –Staff provided the latest results. (November 2013)

PARK POLICY AND PLANNING

- **Sustain Yield Management and Forest Certification on Forest Industry Lands in the Adirondacks** – Presentation by René H. Germain, Ph.D., SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. (March 2013)
- **The State of the Forest** – Presentation by Rob Davies, State Forester and DEC Director, Division of Lands and Forests. (March 2013)
- **Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)** – History and comparison of SFI and FSC forest certification programs by Graeme Auld, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Carleton University, School of Public Policy and Administration. (April 2013)

- **Comparison of APA Regulatory Review Obligations with the SFI and FSC Certification Programs** – Presentation by Aaron Ziemann, Agency staff. (April 2013)
- **Adirondack Partnership** – Presentation by Jim McKenna and Bill Farber. (June 2013)

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **40th Anniversary of Adirondack Park Private Land Use and Development Plan** – Panel Discussion: Development and Evolution of the Adirondack Park Private Land Use and Development Plan. Featured panelists included: Keith McKeever, Public Information Director, APA; Richard Persico, Executive Director, APA (1973-1978); Andrew Halloran, First Counsel, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board; Daniel Smith, Attorney, Private Practice, and Chairman, Task Force on the Adirondack Park Agency (1984); Richard Hoffman, Agency Community Planner and Staff Attorney, APA (1981-1992), and Designee, NYS Department of State (1998-2008). (October 2013)
- **Agency Facebook and Twitter Accounts** –Staff discussed the Agency’s use of social media. (November 2013)

REGULATORY PROGRAMS

- **Aquatic Invasive Species General Permit (2008G-1B)** – General permit authorizing management of aquatic invasive species using benthic barriers and hand harvesting techniques.
 - Authorized release of draft general permit for public comment (November 2012)

- Approved general permit. (January 2013)
- **Silvicultural General Permit (2012G-1)** – General permit authorizing silvicultural treatments for sustainable forestry in the Adirondack Park.
 - First reading. (November 2012)
 - Second reading. (February 2013)
- **2012-167, Darrah/Town of St. Armand** – Approved permit authorizing creation of waste disposal area in Town of St. Armand, Essex County. (February 2013)
- **2012-219, Town of Chester** – Approved permit authorizing application of **Renovate** to 15-acre portion of Loon Lake in Town of Chester, Warren County, to control Eurasian watermilfoil. (March 2013)
- **Cell Towers** – Update by Colleen Parker (APA) on cell tower applications under review. (May 2013)
- **2013-11, The Arts Guild of Old Forge, Inc.** – Approved permit authorizing construction of boardwalk nature trail, involving wetlands, in Town of Webb, Herkimer County. (March 2013)
- **2013-26, Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks** – Approved permit authorizing the construction of an observation tower consisting of series of elevated platforms connected by bridged walkways in the Town of Tupper Lake, Franklin County. (April 2013)

- **2012-199, Lydia’s Place, Inc. and Timothy Sharlow** – Approved permit authorizing a new commercial use consisting of an RV and tent campground including 44 sites with water, electric and septic hookups in the Town of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County. (June 2013)
- **NYS Route 73 Emergency Project** – Report by Deputy Director of Regulatory Programs Rick Weber on emergency authorization of stabilization of a retaining wall along State Route 73 in the Town of Keene, Essex County. (August 2013)
- **Route 28N Highway Project** – Report by Deputy Director of Regulatory Programs Rick Weber on drainage and resurfacing project on Route 28N from Long Lake to the Boreas River south of Newcomb. (August 2013)
- **Sargent Pond Reclamation (2013-136)** – Approved permit authorizing NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to reclaim Lower Sargent Pond through application of Rotenone to remove non-native largemouth bass species on State land classified Wild Forest in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County. (September 2013)
- **2013-111, Barber Homestead Park, LLC** – Approved permit authorizing the expansion of an existing RV campground in an area classified Rural Use in the Town of Westport, Essex County. (September 2013)
- **2000-156R3, John and Linda Caufield** – Granted third renewal of Agency permit authorizing a temporary 2-lot subdivision into sites, in an area classified Resource Management in the Town of Webb, Herkimer County. (September 2013)

- **2011-103, Sheila White** – Approved permit authorizing the subdivision of approximately 59 acres involving shoreline on Lake George into seven lots, in an area classified Rural Use in the Town of Putnam, Washington County. (October 2013)
- **2013-140, Arthur and Mary George** – Granted request for a shoreline structure setback variance to allow for the lateral expansion of an existing single family dwelling within the 150-foot shoreline setback of Franklin Falls Pond, in an area classified Resource Management in the Town of Franklin, Franklin County. (October 2013)
- **2011-95, Daniel Arbour and Sunset Farms, Ltd.** – Proposal to construct a new private airport with grass airstrip in an area classified Rural Use in the Town of Willsboro, Essex County. Denied request to appeal the Notice of Complete Permit Application; authorized a public hearing on the following two hearing issues: (i) whether the project meets all of the pertinent requirements and conditions of the Town of Willsboro’s approval local land use program as required by Executive Law Section 809(9); and (ii) whether the potential adverse noise impacts on adjoining and nearby neighbors from take-offs and landings associated with the proposed airport use are undue. (October 2013)
- **2012 Projects Involving Incomplete Applications** – Staff provided a report on the status of project applications that were received in 2012 and remain incomplete. (November 2013)
- **2013-172, Maple Development group** – Approved permit authorizing the construction of new commercial use (Dollar

Store) in an area classified as Low Intensity Use, in the towns of Dannamora and Saranac, Clinton County. (October 2013)

- **2013-239, Lyme Adirondack Timberlands I, LLC** – Approved permit for a 42-acre shelterwood clearcut. (December 2013)

STATE LANDS

- **Taylor Pond Wild Forest Complex UMP** – Public presentation by Dan Levy (DEC) on draft plan. (May 2012)
 - Copy of public review draft dated May 2012 provided on CD with mailing. (May 2012)
 - First reading – Presentation by Dan Levy (DEC) on final draft followed by press release for APA public comment. (December 2012)
 - Determination of compliance with State Land Master Plan. (January 2013)
- **Alpine Zone Vegetation** – Presentation by Tim Howard, New York Natural Heritage Program, on classification, protection and future of alpine zone vegetation within the Park. (February 2013)
- **Classification Criteria in the State Land Master Plan** – Presentation by Kathy Regan of Agency staff. (March 2013)
- **Essex Chain of Lakes/Indian River/OK Slip Tracts (Finch)** – State land classification.
 - Acceptance of DSEIS and authorization for staff to proceed to public notice and public hearing. (May 2013)

- General Introduction/SLMP & Decision Criteria/Overview of Material on CD; Overview of Purchase of Former Finch Lands from the Nature Conservancy/Snowmobile Planning/DEC Interim Access Plan; Recreational Opportunities; Review of Alternatives Presented at Public Hearings/Review of Public Hearings and Written Comments; Background Presentations on General Issues Presented During Public Comment Phase; Next Steps for Development of FEIS. (August 2013)
- Review of Staff Responses to Board Questions; Board Discussion and Q & A. (September 2013)
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- **Accessibility standards and DEC Programs to Address Access for Persons with Disabilities** – Presentation by Carole Fraser (DEC) and Kevin Prickett (APA). (June 2013)
- **Whiteface Mountain Unit Management Plan** – Public presentation by Bob Hammond (ORDA) on draft plan amendment. (May 2013)
 - Determination of compliance with State Land Master Plan. (June 2013)
- **Hurricane Mountain and St. Regis Mountain Fire Tower Historic Areas** –Presentation by Josh Clague, DEC, on the management plans for two fire towers. (For information, November 2013)

**Public Hearings on Matters
That Came or Will Come Before the Agency in 2013**

Subject	Date(s)	Location(s)
Essex Chain of Lakes/Indian River/OK Slip Tracts – Classification Alternatives	June 12	Ray Brook
	June 17	Minerva
	June 17	Newcomb
	June 19	New York
	June 25	Indian Lake
	July 1	Rochester
	July 2	Albany
	July 2	Lake George
2013-140 Arthur and Mary George	September 11	Town of Franklin (Vermontville)

Agency Meetings Held in 2013

January 10
 February 14
 March 14-15
 April 11
 May 9-10
 June 13
 No July Meeting
 August 8-9
 September 12-13
 October 10-11
 November 14-15
 December 11-13