

2014 Adirondack Park Agency Board Highlights

FULL AGENCY

- **Board Discussion** – Looking back to 2013 and forward to 2014 by Chairwoman. (February 2014)
- **2013 Annual Report** – Year in review by the Executive Director. (February 2014)
- **Resolution** - Saluting Nancy Heath, Environmental Program Specialist 1 Retirement (March 2014)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment** – Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director (March 2014)
- **Resolution** – In recognition of Earth Day (April 2014)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment** – Fritz Aldinger, Environmental Program Specialist 1 Trainee (April 2014)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Transfer** – Denise Wagner, Environmental Program Specialist 1 from the Regulatory Programs/Enforcement Divisions to the Jurisdictional Office (April 2014)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment** – Annemarie Peer, Keyboard Specialist 1 (May 2014)

- **2014 Earth Day/Arbor Day Tree Planting and Agency Arboretum Tour** – Tree planting in honor of Herman “Woody” Cole, Agency Chairman, 1984-1992. (May 2014)
- **Resolution** – Saluting Michael Hannon, Environmental Program Specialist 1 Retirement (June 2014)
- **APA Wilmington Field Trip**–Tours to hike and/or bike on the Beaver Brook Tract (July 2014)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment** Emily O’Mahoney, Environmental Program Specialist 1 (August 2014)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment** Kathleen Regan, Deputy Director, Planning (September 2014)
- **Chairwoman Announcement** – The Agency will begin the public process of deliberation of SLMP amendments (October 2014)

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

- **Village of Lake Placid** – Presentation by Mayor Craig Randall, Village of Lake Placid (Essex County). (March 2014)
- **Village of Lake George** – Presentation by Mayor Robert Blais, Village of Lake George (Warren County). (May 2014)
- **Town of Inlet** – Presentation by Supervisor John Frey and Code Enforcement Officer Aimee VanWie, Town of Inlet (Hamilton County). (September 2014)

ECONOMIC

- **Homeward Bound** – Presentation by Reverend Colonel Eric Olsen on Homeward Bound Adirondacks’ programs for returning Veterans. (March 2014)
- **Adirondack Teleworks** – Presentation by Bill Murphy on the Adirondack Teleworks Project connecting qualified teleworkers to businesses (April 2014)
- **St. Regis Canoe Outfitters** – Presentation by David Cilley providing an overview of his Saranac Lake business and the expanding tourism industry in the region. (May 2014)
- **Mountain Orthotic and Prosthetic Service** – Presentation by Jeff Erenstone providing an overview of his company and its commitment to serving athletes and people with disabilities. (June 2014)
- **Point Positive, Inc.** – Presentation by Melinda Little about the organization of investors committed to investing in and nurturing early stage companies in the region. (August 2014)
- **Alternative Energy** – Presentation by John Culpepper, Director of Facilities at North Country School discussing the school’s renewable energy installations including solar arrays and wood boilers. (October 2014)
- **Northern Forest Center** – Presentation by Director Maura Adams and Adirondack Project Manager Leslie Karasin on their Adirondack Model Neighborhood Wood Heat Initiative. (November 2014)

PARK ECOLOGY

- **Guidelines for Appropriate Use of Aquatic Herbicides Containing the Active Ingridient Triclopyr (Renovate) to manage Eurasian Watermilfoil, an Aquatic Invasive Plant** – Second reading by Ed Snizek (February 2014). Committee/Board authorization for staff to use.
- **Agency Review of Stormwater Management** – Presentation by Shaun Lalonde and Greg Bendell on stormwater jurisdiction, methods and coordination. (February 2014)
- **Utility of Inspection and Boat Decontamination as Components of an Intagrated Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Strategy in the Adirondack Region** – Presentation by E. Holmlund, Paul Smiths College and Hilary Smith, APIPP. (June 2014)
- **Agency Recognition of Hilary Smith** – Ed Snizek presented Ms. Smith with a Resolution. (September 2014)
- **Lake George Monitoring: The Jefferson Project** – Presentation by Chris Navitsky, The Fund for Lake George. (September 2014)
- **Mandatory Boat Inspections on Lake George** – Presentation by Dave Wick, Lake George Park Commission. (September 2014)
- **Rapid Response Planning and Long-term Management of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Paradox Lake** – Presentation by

Gretchen Sunderland, Paradox Lake Association. (September 2014)

- **Adirondack Road Salt Pilot Program** – Presentation by Michael Lashmet, NYS DOT (October 2014)
- **Update on Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) in NYS and Challenges of Managing this aquatic invasive plant** – Presentation by Scott Kishbaugh, NYS DEC (November 2014)
- **Developing an Invasive Species Rapid Response Plan for the Adirondack Region** – Presentation by Leigh Walrath (November 2014)

PARK POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

- **Technical Map Amendment**- Matt Kendall presented an amendment for Camp Gabriels to classify the land from State Administrative Use to Moderate Intensity Use. The amendment was approved unanimously. (July 2014)
- **Technical Map Amendment** – Matt Kendall presented an amendment for the Town of Moriah to classify approximately 20 acres from Resource Management to Moderate Intensity Use.
 - The Board approved the Resolution to accept the DSEIS and authorized the committee to proceed to public hearing. (October 2014)
- **Technical Map Amendment** – Matt Kendall presented an amendment for the Town of Westport to classify approximately 12 acres from Resource Management to Moderate Intensity or Hamlet, contingent upon connecting the requested area to the existing municipal sewer system. (November 2014)

- **Look-Up 2 and Modifications of Blue Line** – John Barge discussed updates to the GIS blue line data and provided a presentation of the interactive web mapping available to the public on the Agency’s web page. (November 2014)

LEGAL AFFAIRS

- **Emergency Authorization Regulations** – Jennifer McAleese of Agency staff presented draft emergency authorization regulations designed to provide the Agency with a regulatory tool authorizing emergency actions through an expedited review process.
 - The Board approved the Resolution as amended and authorized the committee to move it forward for formal Rulemaking. (March 2014)
- **Proposed Revisions to Agency SEQR and FOIL Regulations** – The Board approved the resolution and authorized the committee to move it forward for formal Rulemaking. (June 2014)
- **Delegation of Variances** – Paul Van Cott presented an overview of the Agency’s proposed amendment to the Delegation Resolution to allow for the delegation, review and approval for certain types of variances to the Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs.
 - The Agency unanimously authorized the staff preparation of an amendment to the Delegation Resolution to allow for the delegation, review and approval for certain types of variances to the Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs. (September 2014)
 - The Board unanimously authorized the committee to seek public comment on an amendment to the Delegation Resolution. (October 2014)

-The Board tabled the vote on the amended Resolution for further discussion. (November 2014)

- **Development in the Adirondack Park** – Jennifer McAleese presented DAP construction guidance for noise, energy and biological surveys to the Legal Affairs Committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- **Local Government Day** – Update on the Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference and the Excellence Awards for Best Community Event Contest (March 2014)
- **Code Enforcement Officers Training Program** – Presentation on the Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Association Educational Conference which provides opportunities for APA staff to meet with CEOs from around the Park. (March 2014)
- **Local Government Day Conference Report** – A summary of the 2014 Local Government Day Conference. (May 2014)
- **Town of Queensbury Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment**- The Town sought a program amendment revising its zoning ordinance. The amendment was approved unanimously. (July 2014)

REGULATORY PROGRAMS

- **Update of Whiteface Memorial Highway** – R. Weber and K. Prickett provided a joint presentation of Regulatory Programs and State Land. (February 2014)

- **P2013-182R2, Linda and Walter Dlugolecki** – Approved permit authorizing a second renewal of a permit for the construction of a single family dwelling on a vacant lot, jurisdictional pursuant to settlement agreement E2005-47. (February 2014)

- **Loon Lake Project (2012-219)** – L. Walrath provided an update on the use of Renovate in Loon Lake. Permit 2012-219 authorized the use of Renovate OTF to control Eurasian watermilfoil in a 15 acre area of Loon Lake. The project was permitted in March, 2013 and undertaken in May. (February 2014)

- **Management of Terrestrial Invasive Plant Species In or Within 100’ of Wetlands in the Adirondack Park (G2014G-1)**
M. Rooks presented a general permit proposed to be issued to the NYS DOT, NYS DEC, Adirondack Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and the Regional Inlet Invasive Plant Program.
 - First reading. (February 2014) General Permit 2014G-1 was unanimously approved to proceed to Public Comment.
 - Second Reading For Action (April 2014). The General Permit was unanimously approved.

- **Replacement In-kind of Utility Poles in Wetlands and Access to Poles in Wetland Using Temporary Structures (G2014G-2)**
M. Rooks presented a general permit proposed for use by regional and municipal utility companies within the Adirondack Park seeking to replace poles in wetlands and/or access poles by means of temporary structures in wetlands.
 - First reading. (February 2014) General Permit 2014G-2 was unanimously approved to proceed to Public Comment.
 - Second Reading For Action (April 2014) The General Permit was unanimously approved.

- **P2013-257, Janet Yuckel and Michael Walker** – S. McSherry presented a proposal for a variance from the shoreline setback to expand a single family dwelling. The variance was approved five in favor, four opposed. (March 2014)
- **P2012-185, Bear Pond Ranch LLC/Macchio** – S. McSherry presented a permit proposal for construction and operation of a new tourist attraction involving a zip line ride. The permit was approved nine in favor, one opposed. (March 2014)
- **Project Review of Essex County Emergency Communications Network** – An overview of the Emergency Communication Network Project in Essex County by Don Jaquish, Michael Blaise and Travis LePage. (April 2014)
- **P2013-249, Anthony and Katherine Cincotta** – T. Darrah presented a proposal for a variance from the shoreline setback to allow the construction of a single family dwelling and garage. The variance was approved unanimously. (May 2014)
- **P2014-14, 1016 Saranac Properties LLC** – A. Lynch presented a permit proposal for a greater than 25 percent expansion of a commercial use warehouse structure. The permit was approved unanimously. (May 2014)
- **P2013-227, Benjamin and Betsy LeRoy** – S. Parker presented a proposal for a variance from the shoreline setback to construct a single family dwelling. The variance was approved six in favor, one opposed. (May 2014)
- **P2014-51, Town of Willsboro** – T. Saehrig presented a proposal for a variance from the shoreline setback for the stabilization of a

highly eroded section of the Boquet River. The variance was approved ten in favor, one opposed. (June 2014)

- **P2013-128, Verizon Wireless** – V. Yamrick presented a proposal for a new 80 foot telecommunication tower in Putnam, Washington County. The project was approved ten in favor, one opposed. (June 2014)
- **P2013-171, New York RSA 2 Cellular d/b/a Verizon Wireless**
A. Lynch presented a proposal for a new 65 foot telecommunication tower in North Hudson, Essex County. The project was approved unanimously. (June 2014)
- **P2014-0033, Kenny-Kittrich-Amhers, LLC-C.** Parker presented a permit proposal for the construction of a 120 room Marriott Hotel. The permit was approved unanimously. (July 2014)
- **P2013-0138 and P1996-0076MR3, NYCO Minerals, Inc.** – T. Saehrig presented proposed amendments to two existing mineral extraction permits (one at Seventy Road and one at Oak Hill) in the Town of Lewis. The permit amendments were approved unanimously. (August 2014)
- **P2014-0100, Lyme Timber Company/Sean Ross** – A. Ziemann presented a permit proposal for forest management on a 642 acre portion of a 4,100 acre parcel in the town of Tupper Lake. The permit was approved unanimously. (August 2014)
- **P2014-0080, Town of Wilmington** – T. Darrah presented proposed variance from the shoreline setback for the construction of an accessible fishing dock. The variance order was approved unanimously. (August 2014)

- **Update on Issued Variances** – Presentation by C. Parker. (September 2014)
- **P2005-223R2, Kathleen and Gary Rego** – S. McSherry presented a proposed second renewal of Permit 2005-223 which authorized a subdivision of 62.13 acres containing wetlands. The permit renewal was approved unanimously. (October 2014)
- **P2005-54R2, Anne Hartsig** – A. Lynch presented a proposed second renewal of Permit 2005-54 which authorized a two-lot subdivision involving wetlands. The permit renewal was approved unanimously. (October 2014)
- **P2013-0021, Joan Sykes** – S. Parker presented a proposed variance from the shoreline setback for the construction of a concrete retaining wall. The variance was approved nine in favor, one opposed. (October 2014)
- **P2014-0001, Town of Inlet** – T. Saehrig presented a proposed variance from the shoreline setback for the construction of a structure within the mean high water mark of Fifth Lake Outlet and Fourth Lake. The variance was approved unanimously. (November 2014)

STATE LANDS

- **St. Regis and Hurricane Mountain Fire Tower Historic Area UMPs:**
 - Presentation by J. Clague, DEC (For information, November 2013)
 - S. Guglielmi (DEC) provided a presentation on the Unit Management Plans for St. Regis and Hurricane Mountain.

- First reading. The UMPs were unanimously approved to proceed to Public Comment. (February 2014)
- The Board unanimously approved the determinations of compliance of the SLMP. (May 2014)

- **Bog River Complex Unit Management Plan Amendment:**

- Public Presentation by P. Whalen, DEC (Draft Plan, For Information, (April 2014)
- First Reading, Presentation by P. Whalen, DEC -The UMP amendment was unanimously approved to proceed to Public Comment (May 2014)
- The Board unanimously approved the determinations of compliance of the SLMP. (June 2014)

- **Cranberry Lake Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendment:**

- Public Presentation by P. Whalen, DEC (Draft Plan, For Information, April 2014)
- First Reading, Presentation by P. Whalen, DEC-The UMP amendment was unanimously approved to proceed to Public Comment (May 2014)
- The Board unanimously approved the determinations of compliance of the SLMP with one abstention. (June 2014)

- **Jay Mountain Wilderness Area Unit Management Plan Amendment:**

- First Reading, Presentation by P. Frank, DEC
The UMP was unanimously approved to proceed to Public Comment. (April 2014)
- The Board unanimously approved the determinations of compliance of the SLMP. (June 2014)

- **Jay Mountain Wilderness Area Temporary Revocable Permit:**
 - Presentation by T. Martin, DEC (For Information, April 2014)
 - Presentation by P. Frank, DEC (Following DEC's receipt of public comment, June 2014)

- **Essex Chain Lakes Management Complex Unit Management Plan:**
 - Public Presentation by T. Martin, DEC (Draft Plan, For Information, June 2014)

- **Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest Unit Management Plan:**
 - Public Presentation by R. Ripp, DEC (Draft Plan, For Information, June 2014)

- **Update on Travel Corridor Management Process and Scenic Vista Management** – Presentation by E. Franz, DOT (June 2014)

- **September 3, 1964 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act** – Presentation by K. Prickett. (September 2014)

- **Commemoration, Overview and Highlights of the Wilderness Act and its Historic Roots in the Adirondack Park** – Presentation by Dr. Phil Terrie. (September 2014)

**Public Hearings on Matters
That Came or Will Come Before the Agency in 2014**

Subject	Date(s)	Location(s)
P2013-0257 Janet Yuckel	January 31	Fine
P2013-0249 Anthony and Katherine Cincotta	March 28	Jay
P2013-0227 Benjamin and Elizabeth LeRoy	April 22	Lake Placid Village
P2014-0051 Town of Willsboro	May 23	Willsboro
P2013-0138 NYCO Minerals, LLC	July 2	Lewis (For Public Information)
P2014-0080 Town of Wilmington	July 23	Wilmington
P2013-0021 Joan Sykes	September 23	Russia
P2014-0001 Town of Inlet	October 22	Inlet
MA2014-02 Town of Moriah	November 12	Moriah
P2014-0048 New York Land and Lakes Development LLC	November 24	Bleecker (For Public Information)
P2014-0039 Raymond and Amy Butler	December 3	Northampton

State Land Listening Sessions

Subject	Date	Locations
APSLMP Listening Session	October 29	Ray Brook
APSLMP Listening Session	November 3	Newcomb
APSLMP Listening Session	November 17	Albany
APSLMP Listening Session	November 24	Old Forge

Agency Meetings Held in 2014

February 13-14

March 13-14

April 11

May 8-9

June 12-13

July 10

August 14

September 11-12

October 9

November 13-14