

2012 Agency Board Highlights

FULL AGENCY

- **2005-100, Preserve Associates, LLC (Adirondack Club and Resort)**
 - Large-scale development in the Town of Tupper Lake, Franklin County.
 - Legislative hearing held in Tupper Lake 1/10/07.
 - Authorized adjudicatory public hearing. (February 2007)
 - Legislative hearing held in Tupper Lake 4/18/07.
 - Commencement of mediation process 4/23/08.
 - Legislative hearing held in Tupper Lake 3/16/11.
 - Adjudicatory hearing held the following dates/locations:
 - Tupper Lake 3/22-23/11
 - Ray Brook 3/24/11, 4/26-29/11, 5/3-4/11
 - Tupper Lake 6/1-3/11, 6/6-8/11
 - Ray Brook 6/21-24/11
 - Approved procedures and schedule for Agency determination. (July 2011)
 - Record certified by ALJ Daniel O’Connell. (October 2011)
 - Affirmed three rulings of ALJ O’Connell on appeal by Protect the Adirondacks. (November 2011)
 - Agency deliberations. (November 2011)
 - Agency deliberations. (December 2011)
 - Agency deliberations. (January 2012)
 - Agency approval of draft order and permits. (January 2012)
- **2011 Annual Report** – Presentation by Executive Director Terry Martino and management staff. (March 2012)
- Board discussion of **2011 Highlights** and **2012 Programs**. (March 2012)

- **Executive Session**
 - Litigation involving the Adirondack Club and Resort project. (April 2012)
 - Litigation involving the Adirondack Club and Resort project. (May 2012)
 - Litigation involving the Adirondack Club and Resort project. (June 2012)
 - Litigation involving the Adirondack Club and Resort project. (August 2012)
 - Litigation involving the Adirondack Club and Resort project and Douglas (Martino recused in Douglas). (September 2012)

- **Earth Day/Arbor Day**
 - Agency adoption of Earth Day resolution. (April 2012)
 - Tree planting commemorating Earth Day/Arbor Day and honoring Dr. Edwin Ketchledge. (May 2012)

- **Resolution John Banta** – Agency adoption of resolution of appreciation for John Banta, Counsel, on his retirement from State service. (April 2012)

- **Resolution Holly Kneeshaw** – Agency adoption of resolution of appreciation for Holly Kneeshaw, Assistant Director of Regulatory Programs, on her resignation from Agency. (April 2012)

- **40th Anniversary of Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan** – Agency adoption of resolution in recognition of 40th anniversary of SLMP. (June 2012)

- **Presentation of United States Flag** – Presentation of flag flown in Afghanistan in recognition of APA support for Agency staff member **Michael Hannon** during his deployment. (July 2012)

- **100th Anniversary of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Ranger School** – Agency adoption of resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Ranger School at Wanakena, NY. (August 2012)

- **2013 Agency Meeting Calendar**
 - Draft for review. (August 2013)
 - Approved. (September 2013)
- **Resolution Dan Spada** – Agency adoption of resolution of appreciation for Daniel Spada, Supervisor of Resource Analysis, on his retirement from State service. (December 2012)

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

- Randy Douglas, Supervisor, **Town of Jay**, Essex County. (February 2012)
- James Major, Deputy Supervisor, **Town of Ticonderoga** (and **Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance** Chairman) and Ti-Alliance President and CEO Justin Woods. (May 2012)
- George Canon, Supervisor, **Town of Newcomb**, Essex County. (June 2012)

ECONOMIC

- **Lake Placid Pub and Brewery** – Presentation by owner Christopher Ericson on why he chose to locate his craft brewing company within the Adirondack Park and the potential of the industry to provide an additional economic engine for the region. (March 2012)
- **Broadband Infrastructure** – Presentation by James Wright, Executive Director, Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), on the development of broadband infrastructure across the northern portion of the Park. (May 2012)
- **“What Do Healthy Rural Economies Look Like in the U.S. and How Might Conservation Organizations Help Support Them?”** – Presentation on healthy rural economies by Fred Monroe (Local Government Review Board) and Bradford Gentry (Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies). (August 2012)

- **Impact of International Paper, Ticonderoga Mill on Local Economy and Adirondack Forest Industry** – Presentation by Donna Wadsworth, Communications Manager for IP Ticonderoga Mill. (September 2012)

LEGAL

- **SAPA Report on Existing Regulations** – Review by Paul Van Cott (APA) of 2002 regulations pursuant to SAPA. (March 2012)
- **Agency Departmental Bill** (procedural changes) – Legislative update by Paul Van Cott (APA). (May 2012)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- **Local Government Day 2012** – Update by Robyn Burgess (APA). (April 2012)
- **Local Land Use Controls in the Park and Review of APA-Approved Local Land Use Programs** – Presentation by Robyn Burgess and Brian Grisi (APA). (June 2012)
- **Agency Administrative Review of Variance Record Referrals** – Presentation by Robyn Burgess (APA) on variance record referrals from APA-approved program zoning boards of appeals. (July 2012)
- **Agency Review of Amendments to Agency-Approved Local Land Use Programs** – Presentation by Brian Grisi and Robin Burgess (APA). (September 2012)
- **Town of Day Local Land Use Program Amendment** – Agency approval of the complete repeal and replacement of the existing Zoning Law and Subdivision Law. (September 2012)

PARK ECOLOGY/PARK POLICY AND PLANNING

- **Invasive Species** – Presentations by Kathy Moser (DEC) focusing on aquatic invasives and Invasive Species Council, and Rob Davies (DEC) on terrestrial invasives in the Forest Preserve. (November 2012)

PARK ECOLOGY

- **Adirondack Long Term Monitoring Program: Recent Trends and the Latest Data** – Presentation by Karen Roy, Jed Dukett, and Nate Houck of **Adirondack Lakes Survey Corp.** (ALSC). (April 2012)
- **Invasive Species Management** – Update by APIPP staff (Hilary Smith, Brendan Quirion and Meghan Johnstone) on APIPP/Adirondack PRISM and the latest developments affecting invasive species management in the Park. (May 2012)
- **Vulnerability of At-Risk Species to Climate Change in New York** – Presentation by Matthew D. Schlesinger, Ph.D., NYS Natural Heritage Program. (October 2012)

PARK POLICY AND PLANNING

- **North Country Partners, LLC Map Amendment (MA2010-2)** – Tabled action to March Agency meeting to allow additional time for further review by individual Board members. (February 2012)
 - Accepted DSEIS and authorized public hearing. (July 2010)
 - Public hearing held in Saranac Lake 8/25/10.
 - Accepted EIS subject to clarification of minor detail. (March 2012)
 - Motion to approve amendment request pursuant to Draft Order failed to pass. (March 2012)
- **GIS Look-Up/Accessing Agency Data** – Presentation by John Barge (APA). (April 2012)

- **Town of Waverly Map Amendment (MA2010-01)** – Approved technical amendment involving approximately 6-acre right-of-way owned by the Town of Waverly, Franklin County, which required correction to the official Private Land Use and Development Plan Map from State Land (Wild Forest) to Rural Use. (March 2012)
- **Common Ground Alliance and Mapping the Future of the Adirondack Park** – Follow-up report by Kate Fish and Bill Farber on July 18, 2012 Common Ground Forum, followed by overview of strategic visioning work by Jim Herman and Dave Mason. (August 2012)
- **Adirondack Partnership Recreation Work Group Initiative** – Presentation by Dan Kelleher (APA) and Jim McKenna, CEO of Regional Office of sustainable Tourism and Lake Placid Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, on the Adirondack Partnership’s recreation planning effort and successful examples of tourism development in the Park. (September 2012)

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Topics for Future Agency Meetings** – Agency Board discussion of foundation topics and information topics for future Agency meetings. (May 2012)
- **Development and Evolution of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (40th Anniversary of SLMP)** – Panel discussion with panelists Peter S. Paine, Jr., William H. Kissel, Neil F. Woodworth, Michael G. DiNunzio, Robert K. Davies. (June 2012)
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- **Climate Change and Conservation: A Global Perspective and Local Relevance in the Adirondacks** – Report by Dr. Jodi Ann Hilty, Director of Wildlife Conservation Society’s North America Program, using global case studies. (September 2012)
- **Aquatic Invasive Species in Lake George** – Overview by Dave Wick, Lake George Park Commission. (October 2012)
- **Lake Champlain Basin Program Initiatives** – Update by Bill Howland, Program Manager. (October 2012)
- **Climate Change Adaptation and Planning for Storm Events** – Presentation on ADKCAP programs, what climate change means for the Adirondacks, and planning for storm events. Stephanie Ratcliffe of The Wild Center, Curt Stager of Paul Smith’s College, and Corrie Miller of Ausabhle River Association. (November 2012)

PUBLIC EVENTS

- **Adirondack Lakes Survey Corp** – Tour of ALSC lab facilities in recognition of Earth Day. (April 2012)
- **Wetlands Field Trip to Paul Smith’s College VIC** – RASS staff demonstrated how to recognize and identify wetlands, and delineate their boundaries. (July 2012)

REGULATORY PROGRAMS

- **The Golfery, LLC and Katrina Lussi Kroes (2011-181)** – Approved permit authorizing construction of a 97-unit hotel, greater than 40 ft. in height, in a Hamlet area in the Town of North Elba, Essex County. (January 2012)
- **Joseph Fitzgerald (2010-144)** – Application for shoreline variance to construct single family dwelling within 50 ft. of mean high water mark of Sacandaga Lake, and permit to construct on-site wastewater

treatment system within 100 ft. of freshwater wetlands, in a Moderate Intensity Use area in the Town of Lake Pleasant, Hamilton County.

- Public hearing held in Lake Pleasant 11/29/11.
- Granted variance and permit. (February 2012)

- **Elk Lake Lodge, Inc.** (2011-19) – Application for shoreline variance to construct logging bridge across the Branch River, a designated study river, in a Resource Management area in the Town of North Hudson, Essex County.
 - Public hearing held in North Hudson 12/1/11.
 - Granted variance. (February 2012)
- **Patricia Stafford** (2002-265) – Application for shoreline variance and permit to construct single family dwelling within 100 ft. of mean high water mark of Lake George, in a Resource Management area, in the Town of Putnam, Washington County.
 - Public hearing held in Putnam 11/7/11.
 - Granted variance and permit. (February 2012)
- **JLKN Acres, LLC** (2012-12) – Approved permit authorizing the stocking of triploid sterile grass carp in Lake Eaton in the Town of Jay, Essex County, to control nuisance aquatic vegetation. The project site is classified Low Intensity Use and involves wetlands. (March 2012)
- **Thomas and Christine Travaglini** (2011-182) – Application for shoreline variance to construct single-family dwelling within 75-ft. shoreline setback of Silver Lake in the Town of Black Brook, Clinton County.
 - Public hearing held in AuSable Forks 3/26/12.
 - Granted variance. (April 2012)
- **Independent Towers Holdings, LLC** (2011-156) – Approved permit authorizing construction of telecommunication tower plus ancillary development in the Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County.
(April 2012)

- **Karen A. Fountain and Virgil Lupo (2004-135R)** – Granted second permit renewal request authorizing construction of single-family dwelling within designated recreational river area on East Branch, AuSable River, in Town of Jay, Essex County. (April 2012)
- **Mary Jo and John E. Hutchison, Jr. - Stickney Point Subdivision (2004-31)** – Presentation by Suzanne McSherry (APA) on project status and discussion of previously issued Agency permit for 21-lot subdivision of 299± acres, involving wetlands and 10,500± ft. of shoreline on Union Falls Pond, an impounded portion of the Saranac River, a designated recreational river under the NYS Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System Act. Project site located in Rural Use area in Town of Franklin, Franklin County. (May 2012)
- **Peter and Denise Ward - Adirondack Meat Processing (2012-59)** – Approved permit authorizing commercial, industrial and agricultural service use in a Moderate Intensity Use area in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County. (June 2012)
- **Town of Webb - TOBIE Trail (2012-21)** – Granted shoreline variance and permit to construct second phase of TOBIE Trail in Town of Webb, Herkimer County. Authorized construction of multi-use pedestrian/bicycle/cross-country ski bridge over Moose River and paving of trail within railroad corridor and within 50 ft. of Moose. Wetlands involved. (July 2012)
- **Constance and Michael Cunningham (2012-58)** – Shoreline variance involving lateral expansion of existing single family dwelling (addition of bathroom) within shoreline setback area of Schroon Lake in the Town of Schroon, Essex County.
 - Public hearing held in Schroon Lake 7/26/12.
 - Granted variance. (August 2012)
- **Highlands Farmers, LP (2010-269)** – Approved permit authorizing 13-lot subdivision in Resource Management in the Town of Keene, Essex County. Permit addressed open space protection. (August 2012)

- **New York RSA No. 2 Cellular Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (2010-71)** – Approved permit authorizing telecommunications tower greater than 40 ft. in height in a Hamlet area in the village of Port Henry, Town of Moriah, Essex County. Project involved simulated tree tower. (September 2012)
- **Town of Lake Luzerne (2009-256)** – Update on project involving the treatment of Lake Luzerne with the aquatic herbicide Triclopyr (Renovate® OTF) to control Eurasian watermilfoil. Treatment area involves 11 acres at the south end of Lake Luzerne in Warren County. (September 2012)
- **One Main On The Lake, LLC (2012-84)** – Granted shoreline variances for expansion of structure located within 50 ft. of Mirror Lake in Hamlet, and permit authorizing structure greater than 40 ft. in height in Hamlet, in Lake Placid (Town of North Elba, Essex County). (October 2012)
- **Adirondack Wind Partners, LLC (2005-271R3)** – Granted third permit renewal allowing temporary meteorological monitoring tower located at the Barton Mines site in Town of Johnsburg, Warren County, to remain for an additional two years. (October 2012)
- **Asian Clam Control in Lake George** – Review of Agency permits by Rick Weber (APA). (October 2012)
- **Town of Harrietstown (2012-153)** – Approval of shoreline variance authorizing the replacement and expansion of a retaining wall within 50 ft. of the Saranac River in the village of Saranac Lake, Franklin County. (November 2012)
- **New Cingular Wireless (AT&T) (2012-158)** – Approved general permit authorizing the replacement of existing omni-directional antennas with 9-panel antenna array atop Crowne Plaza Resort in village of Lake Placid, Essex County. (November 2012)

- **Silvicultural General Permit (2012G-1)** – General permit authorizing silvicultural treatments that meet jurisdictional clearcutting thresholds.
 - Authorized release of draft general permit for public comment. (November 2012)

- **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)

- **Essex County Communications Project (2012-128)** – Approval of public safety radio system and shared microwave network to be used by Essex County, NYS Police, and NYS Electric & Gas involving 14 locations in 12 towns within Essex, Warren and Washington counties. (December 2012)

- **Wetland Mitigation Banking Agreement** – Wetland mitigation banking agreement between NYS DOT, APA and US Army Corps of Engineers for activities in the Adirondack Park.
 - Presentation on concept by Ed Frantz (DOT), Rick Weber and Mark Rooks (APA). (May 2012)
 - Presentation on prospectus by Rick Weber and Dan Spada (APA). (December 2012)

STATE LANDS

- **Region 6 Unit Management Plan Implementation** – Presentation by Dave Smith (DEC). (February 2012)

- **Hoffman Notch Wilderness UMP.**
 - Copy of draft plan provided on CD with mailing. (March 2011)
 - First reading/presentation by Ben Thomas (DEC). (February 2012)
 - Copy of proposed final plan dated February 2012 provided on CD with mailing. (March 2012)

- Second reading/presentation by Kevin Prickett (APA). (March 2012)
- Determined to be in conformance to the guidelines and criteria of the State Land Master Plan. (March 2012)
- **UMP Implementation** – Update by Tom Martin and Rob Daley (DEC). (April 2012)
- **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)
- **Second Pond Boat Launch Intensive Use Area UMP and reclassification:**
 - Approved DEIS/authorized public hearings for classification action. (June 2012)
 - Joint APA/DEC public hearings held in Albany 7/17/12 and in Ray Brook 7/18/12.
 - Reclassification recommendation and determination of UMP compliance with State Land Master Plan. (December 2012)
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- **Recreational Use Statistics** – Presentation by Peter Frank (DEC) and Chad Dawson. (June 2012)
- **Evaluation of Carrying Capacity Assessment on Forest Preserve Waterbodies** – Presentation by Chad Dawson. (June 2012)

- **Overview of Former Finch Pruyn Lands** – Presentation by Karyn Richards (DEC). (September 2012)
- **Watson’s East Triangle Wild Forest UMP.**
 - First reading. (September 2012)
 - Approved. (October 2012)
- **St. Regis Canoe Area UMP** – Presentation by Steve Guglielmi (DEC) on implementation of plan. (September 2012)
- **State Land Classification Process** – Presentation by Jim Connolly (APA). (October 2012)
- **Use of GIS for Recording Public Trail Use Data** – Presentation by Steve Signell (SUNY-ESF) and Peter Frank (DEC). (October 2012)

**Public Hearings on Projects
That Came or Will Come Before the Agency in 2012**

Subject	Date	Location
2005-100 ACR	1/10/07	Tupper Lake
2005-100 ACR	4/18/07	
2005-100 ACR	3/16/11	
2005-100 ACR	3/22-23/11	Tupper Lake
	3/24/11	Ray Brook
	4/26-29/11	Ray Brook
	5/3-4/11	Ray Brook
	6/1-3/11	Tupper Lake
	6/6-8/11	Tupper Lake
	6/21-24/11	Ray Brook
MA2010-2 North Country Partners	8/25/10	Saranac Lake
2010-144 Fitzgerald	11/29/11	Lake Pleasant
2011-19 Elk Lake Lodge	12/1/11	North Hudson
2002-265 Stafford	11/7/11	Putnam
2011-182 Traveglini	3/26/12	AuSable Forks
Second Pond Boat Launch UMP/ Reclassification	7/17/12	Albany
	7/18/12	Ray Brook
2012-58 Cunningham	7/26/12	Schroon Lake
2012-84 One Main On The Lake, LLC	9/18/12	Lake Placid
2012-153 Town of Harrietstown	9/24/12	Saranac Lake