



**DRAFT AGENCY MINUTES**

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**DECEMBER 13, 2012**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012**

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

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman  
Richard Booth, Member  
Sherman Craig, Member  
Arthur Lussi, Member  
Frank Mezzano, Member  
William Thomas, Member  
F. William Valentino, Jr., Member  
Patrick Hooker, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development  
Dierdre Scozzafava, Designee, NYS Department of State  
Robert Stegemann, Designee, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Terry Martino, Executive Director  
Sarah Reynolds, Acting Counsel

**AGENCY MEMBERS AND DESIGNEES ABSENT:**

Cecil Wray, Member

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT**

Frederick Monroe, Executive Director

**AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

Richard Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs  
Keith McKeever, Public Information Director  
Daniel Spada, Supervisor, Natural Resource Analysis  
James Connolly, Deputy Director, Planning  
Matthew McNamara, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Shaun LaLonde, Soil & Water Engineering Specialist  
Laurie Bullis, Secretary 1  
Mary Reardon, Secretary 1  
Virginia Yamrick, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Kathleen Regan, Senior Natural Resources Planner  
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3  
Mark Rooks, Associate Project Analyst (Biological Resources)  
Paul Van Cott, Associate Attorney

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Walt Linck, Associate Natural Resources Planner  
Ariel Lynch, Environmental Program Specialist 2  
Mary O'Dell, Conservation Biologist  
Susan Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 2  
Trevor Fravor, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Matthew Kendall, Associate Natural Resources Planner  
Robert Kreider, Information Technology Specialist 2  
Greg Bendell, Environmental Engineer  
Denise Wagner, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Nancy Heath, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Dogulas Miller, Environmental Program Specialist 2  
Edward Snizek, Associate Project Analyst, Freshwater Resources  
Milt Adams, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Deborah Lester, Secretary to Executive Director

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Chairwoman Ulrich called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m. She noted the absence of Member Wray.

### **1. Approval of November 15, 2012 Draft Agency Minutes**

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Mezzano, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2012.

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

Ms. Martino reported on the following items of note:

- The Chairwoman and Executive Director attended the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages Winter Meeting on December 2-3 in Lake George, which included a dinner organized as a tribute to Assembly Member Teresa Sayward who will be leaving the Assembly at the end of this year. Several people spoke including Dede Scozzafava, whose comments reflected on the rapport that existed between herself and Assembly Members Sayward and Duprey while serving together in the Assembly. Ms. Martino commented on the opportunity she had to work with Sayward when an ANCA board member. She commended Sayward's strength of character and dedication to the Adirondack Park, its people and communities.

Ms. Martino also noted the Agency's participation in a recent meeting organized by Assemblywoman Sayward and Senator Little to address tourist attraction signage along the Northway. The meeting was also attended by staff from DEC and DOT.

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Martino reported on the December 3 session of the AATV meeting which featured individual overviews by town supervisors, similar to the Agency's "Community Spotlight." DEC staff presented an interactive discussion of current activities, including their goals for regional land planning and ongoing outreach to receive input from municipal leaders. The presentation was started by DEC Assistant Commissioner Marc Gerstman, who referred to the Forest Preserve as a basis for economic development. Additionally, State Forester Rob Davies thanked local leaders for their help in conducting the State's business. Ms. Martino noted the Agency's concurrence, recognizing the state land issues that are before the Agency today. Other speakers included Rob Riley of the Northern Forest Center and Dave Wick of Lake George Park Commission.

At the AATV meeting, it became apparent that the Agency's outreach to local government is ongoing and there are new opportunities on the horizon. A December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Agency on Hamlets 3 was intended to encourage dialogue and planning with municipal leaders so they can best plan for their future.

- Ms. Martino noted the day as contributing to a historic timeline at the Adirondack Park Agency, being the last of hundreds of Agency board meetings for Supervisor of Resource Analysis Dan Spada, who is retiring from State service. She called attention to Mr. Spada's twenty-eight years engaging with the Agency and providing a scientific foundation for decision making. Mr. Spada will be missed for his numerous contributions to the Agency including the initiative he has shown with DAP technical guidance and the electronic filing systems. His commitment to how the science speaks to and leads us to the truth has been extraordinary. He leaves the Agency recognized as a master in his field.

Ms. Martino presented a resolution in honor of Mr. Spada's contributions to the Agency. A copy of the resolution is attached to the official copy of the minutes on file at the Agency.

Mr. Spada expressed his appreciation for the Agency's recognition. He thanked his parents for their influence, particularly his late father. Mr. Spada also thanked his mentors who pushed him along in his career including Mike Kudish at Paul Smith's College, Tom Alford of Orange County Community College, Ed Ketchledge and Dudley Raynal at ESF, and former Agency RASS Supervisor Ray Curran. He referred to Mr. Curran's advice that

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he should be able to look back on his career and say, "I made a difference". Mr. Spada said in looking back on his career with the Agency, he felt he could say that he has made a difference.

**3. Motion for Executive Session**

On motion of Mr. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Agency unanimously voted to convene in executive session during the break to receive legal advice on ongoing litigation involving the Adirondack Club and Resort project.

**4. Motion to Adjourn into Committees**

On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:10 a.m.

***The Agency reconvened at 12:35 p.m. to receive and act on committee reports and recommendations.***

**5. Committee Reports**

a. Regulatory Programs Committee

(1) 2012-128, Essex County/NYS Police/NYSEG

The matter involved a proposed public safety radio system and microwave network to be shared by Essex County, New York State Police and New York State Electric and Gas. The proposal will involve the installation of telecommunications infrastructure at various locations in 12 towns and three counties within the Adirondack Park.

On motion of Mr. Mezzano, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously approved the draft order and permits. Chairwoman Ulrich, Members Booth, Craig, Lussi, Mezzano, Thomas, Valentino, Designees Hooker (DED), Scozzafava (DOS) and Stegemann (DEC) voted in favor of the motion.

A copy of the order and permits as approved by the Agency are attached to the official minutes on file at the Agency.

(2) Prospectus for a Wetland Mitigation Banking Agreement

Mr. Mezzano noted staff's presentation on the prospectus. A follow-up report is anticipated in February.

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b. State Land Committee

(1) Second Pond Boat Launch Unit Management Plan and  
Reclassification

On motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously approved a resolution finding that the unit management plan conforms to the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan, and authorizing forward of the reclassification recommendation for the Governor's review and approval. Chairwoman Ulrich, Members Booth, Craig, Lussi, Mezzano, Thomas, Valentino, Designees Hooker (DED), Scozzafava (DOS) and Stegemann (DEC) voted in favor of the motion.

A copy of the resolution as approved by the Agency is attached to the official minutes on file at the Agency.

Chairwoman Ulrich thanked everyone for their comment on invasives, particularly the discussion regarding boat washing stations. She said staff would make an effort to pass those comments along to DEC staff and others.

**6. Interim Reports**

a. Local Government Services Committee

Mr. Thomas noted a meeting that morning of the planning committee for the Local Government Day Conference. He also noted a possible outreach opportunity for local government staff to the business community in North Creek to discuss hamlet development and how it relates to use of state lands surrounding Johnsburg as tourist attractions.

b. Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Valentino briefly convened the Committee for approval of the draft committee minutes of the November meeting. On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Hooker, the Committee unanimously approved the draft committee minutes.

Mr. Valentino also took the opportunity to recognize Dan Spada and his career at the Agency.

c. Public Awareness and Communications Committee

Mr. Valentino briefly convened the Committee for approval of the draft committee minutes of the November meeting. On motion of Mr. Mezzano, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Committee unanimously approved the draft committee minutes.

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### **7. Public Comment**

Daniel Plumley, on behalf of Adirondack Wild, commented on the silviculture general permit. He said while they are not opposed to the concept, Adirondack Wild encouraged a 3-6 month study period for transparency reasons and to allow opportunity to understand ramifications of the decision. Mr. Plumley also commented on Taylor Pond Wild Forest UMP, noting its importance to maintaining an ecological connection between the Northern Forest, Green Mountains of Vermont and the Adirondacks.

Don Jaquish, Director of Essex County Emergency Services, expressed his appreciation to the Board for its approval of the Essex County/NYSEG/NYS Police public safety/communications project. He also thanked the staff for their assistance with the project.

Jacqueline Phillips Murray added her thanks to the Agency staff for guiding the applicants through the application process. She commended County and State Police for their collaboration, noting a single shared public safety system is a fine example of economic and environmental efficiency.

Charles White, Director of Communications Systems for the NYS Police, recognized the project team who brought together the technical staff and developed a viable and reliable system that will serve many people for years to come. He also expressed his appreciation for the Agency staff's assistance.

Chairwoman Ulrich commended the applicants, their representatives and staff. She also expressed her appreciation that the application was both received and approved in 2012.

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### **8. Local Government Review Board Comment**

On behalf of the Local Government Review Board, Executive Director Fred Monroe expressed support for the proposed silvicultural general permit, which he believed will allow certified landowners to implement harvests that will improve forest health without the burden of having to apply for an individual permit. He suggested changing the time for re-entry from a 10-year fixed period to a period based on the best silvicultural science. Regarding the Second Pond reclassification, Mr. Monroe agreed with the recommendation and noted it essentially involved the correction of a classification error. Finally, he expressed best wishes to Dan Spada on his retirement.

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**9. Member Comment**

Mr. Valentino commended the various presentations and expressed his best wishes for the holidays.

Mr. Hooker commended the thorough planning and work that took place on the Second Pond unit plan and reclassification.

Ms. Scozzafava wished happy holidays to everyone.

Mr. Thomas expressed best wishes for the holiday and the new year.

Mr. Mezzano said he would be sad to see Dan Spada leave, though at the same time he was very happy for him on his retirement. He also wished happy holidays to everyone and their families.

Mr. Lussi recalled past experience working with Mr. Spada on a complicated project where Mr. Spada articulately explained wetland mitigation. Mr. Lussi expressed his deep respect and appreciation for Mr. Spada and his wealth of experience and knowledge.

Mr. Craig added his words of appreciation for Mr. Spada's contributions and best wishes on his retirement. He announced the recent availability of broadband in Wanakena. Mr. Craig also wished happy holidays to all.

Mr. Booth expressed appreciation of the Essex County communications project and the amount of technical work involved with the design of such systems. He concurred with Mr. Monroe's comment regarding the Second Pond reclassification and the similarities to a technical map amendment. Mr. Booth referred to Mr. Spada and described him as one who has recognized the demands of organizational bureaucracies while at the same time retaining his love of the field. He noted the Agency has been very fortunate to have had the combined 40 plus years of top resource management experience with Messrs. Spada and Curran.

Ms. Reynolds wished all the best to Mr. Spada on his retirement.

Ms. Martino noted the Agency Board and staff participation in the Holiday Helpers "Adopt-A-Family," a community service which provides holiday gifts to families in need. She then referred to the Essex County project and expressed her appreciation for the positive comments as well as the satisfaction of seeing that a network will be in place to protect lives and respond to emergencies in the region. She thanked Dan Spada for the opportunity to work with him, and said she would miss his tremendous passion for and understanding of flora and fauna and wetlands science. She sent best wishes to everyone for the holiday season.

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Chairwoman Ulrich recalled last fall when she and Mr. Spada were part of a team traveling to Finland, and noted his efforts to educate participants while on field trips. She then referred to the Essex County emergency services project and commended Governor Cuomo for his initiative to better prepare the state for catastrophic events. The Chairwoman sent best wishes for safe travels and happy holidays.

**10. Adjournment**

The Agency unanimously adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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Attachments:

Resolution - Daniel M. Spada

2012-128, Essex County/NYS Police/NYSEG

Resolution - Second Pond Boat Launch Intensive Use Area

Reclassification and Unit Management Plan

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Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman