



Draft Minutes  
State Land Committee  
March 2013 Agency Meeting  
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**MINUTES OF THE STATE LAND COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 15, 2013**

Committee members in attendance included Agency Chairwoman Leilani Ulrich, William Thomas, Sherman Craig, Designee Robert Stegemann, Department of Environmental Conservation, and Committee Chair Richard Booth. Members Frank Mezzano, Arthur Lussi, and Designees Dierdre Scozzafava, Department of State and Patrick Hooker, Department of Economic Development joined the Committee. Also participating in the meeting was Chairman Gerald Delaney of the Local Government Review Board. Staff included Executive Director Terry Martino, Planning Director James Connolly, and Senior Natural Resource Planner Kathy Regan and Associate Natural Resource Planner Matthew Kendall.

The Committee meeting convened at approximately 11:20 a.m.

**Approval of Draft Committee Minutes for February 2013**

A motion was made by Designee Stegemann to approve the draft Committee minutes for February. The motion was seconded by Member Craig. The draft minutes were then unanimously approved.

**Deputy Director, Planning Report (J. Connolly)**

Mr. Connolly briefly reviewed the February activity report for the Planning Division.

**Classification Criteria in the State Land Master Plan (J. Connolly/K. Regan, APA)**

Jim Connolly reviewed the programmatic environmental impact statement that was originally drafted by John Wargo for amendments to the State Land Master Plan (SLMP) and was included in the mailing packet to the Board.

Kathy Regan reviewed the mission of the State Land Master Plan as well as the criterion on which the classification process and land use classification categories are based. She reviewed the nine categories associated with classification and the guidelines for management associated with each category as outlined in the State Land Master Plan.

Ms. Regan noted that classification and unit management plans (UMPs) are different in that UMPs provide greater detail for facilities and recreational use for a management area but are also tied to the classification guidelines for management and use as stated in the State Land Master Plan.

Ms. Regan reviewed the steps involved in the State Land Classification Process which begins with the SEQR Assessment in which the Agency is Lead Agency in consultation with DEC. At this stage, classification alternatives are also assessed. Then a draft SEQR assessment and possible alternatives are presented to the Agency Board along with a request to proceed to public hearings. Ms. Regan noted that staff will be recommending five or six public hearings both inside and outside the Park during the classification process.

Member Wray asked if the proposal presented to the Board would include any classification alternatives. Ms. Regan responded that alternatives would be presented; a specific staff recommendation would not be presented until after public hearings and input. She noted that additional information and details about the new acquisition can be gathered based on information which is presented by the public through the hearing process. Once the public hearing process concludes, a recommendation is presented to the Board, and if staff's recommendation is supported by the Board, the Board's recommendation is then sent to the Governor for final approval.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:55 p.m.