



Draft Minutes
Local Government Services Committee
November 2013 Agency Meeting
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**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
November 14, 2013**

Committee members in attendance included Agency Chairwoman Leilani Ulrich, Sherman Craig, Arthur Lussi, Designees Robert Stegemann and Dierdre Scozzafava, Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of State, and William Thomas, Committee Chair. Members Richard Booth, William Valentino, Daniel Wilt, Karen Feldman and Designee Bradley Austin, Department of Economic Development joined the Committee. Also participating in the meeting was Brian Towers, Local Government Review Board. Staff included Executive Director Terry Martino, Counsel James Townsend, Local Planning Specialist Brian Grisi, and Environmental Programs Specialist Robyn Burgess.

The Committee meeting convened at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Local Government Services Program Report (B. Grisi)

Mr. Grisi briefly reviewed the program report that was included in the Board's mailing packet.

Adirondack Park Local Land Use Programs (B. Grisi/R. Burgess)

Mr. Grisi and Ms. Burgess presented information on model codes which are used to assist municipalities in the preparation of local land use programs.

Discussion ensued regarding how changes to Agency regulations might impact existing local programs. Towns are notified if and when Agency regulations change and how such change impacts local codes.

Ms. Burgess further defined what an Agency approved local land use program is and the necessary criteria for an approved program. She reviewed a map depicting local land use controls in the Adirondack Park and the trade-offs and challenges associated with an approved local land use program.

Ms. Burgess then presented graphs depicting various types of applications received for projects in towns with approved local programs. She noted that the decision for a local program solely lies with the impacted municipality.

Mr. Grisi then reviewed a possible alternative to an approved local land use program for those municipalities with local zoning and subdivision controls but who have chosen not to seek an Agency-approved local land use program. The alternative would allow certain Class B projects to be moved through a local review process with Agency oversight. He noted that this approach would need to ensure all Agency review requirements to be incorporated into to a local process. The value of the proposed alternative would be for those towns without an existing program to gain greater local control for the review of development projects within their community.

Agency Chair Ulrich suggested having various Code Enforcement Officers to come in and share their thoughts regarding this proposed alternative to a local land use program.

Old Business

None

New Business

None