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**Wednesday, December 11, 2013**

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

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman  
Richard Booth, Member  
Sherman Craig, Member  
Karen Feldman, Member  
Arthur Lussi, Member  
William Thomas, Member  
F. William Valentino, Member  
Dan Wilt, Member  
Brad Austin, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development  
Lynne Mahoney, Designee, NYS Department of State  
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Chairwoman Ulrich called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. She said she was happy to announce all three Regional Economic Development Councils representing the Park were honored as "Top Performers" during the Governor's 2013 economic development competition. Each Council will receive over \$80 million to advance priority projects in their region.

### **1. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **2. Approval of November 14 & 15, 2013 Draft Agency Minutes**

On motion of Dick Booth, seconded by Dan Wilt, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of November, 2013 with changes made by Chairwoman Ulrich. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

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

Executive Director Martino acknowledged the celebratory nature of the outpouring of love and gratitude in mourning Nelson Mandela.

Ms. Martino reported Governor Cuomo visited Lake Placid and announced the funding commitment of \$12M for the restoration of the Whiteface Memorial Highway. She said staff are working closely with DOT, DEC and ORDA in this effort and said Rick Weber will report on this on Thursday. The Governor also announced the funding for a partnership between Trudeau Institute and Clarkson University with more than \$20M available to assist with the continued development of Saranac Lake as a center for biotechnology. These good news stories are certainly an important context for the work the Board has before it this afternoon and in the two days that follow.

Ms. Martino acknowledged and thanked retired Planning Director, Jim Connolly. She said The State Land Team has come as far as it has today with a foundation set by Jim. She said Jim's leadership at the beginning of this classification of lands previously owned by the Finch, Pruyn and Company paper company set the momentum for the team. She thanked the Nature Conservancy for all they have done in bringing about such an historic event and acquisition.

Ms. Martino reported that the Agency and Department of Environmental Conservation's work on the first phase of the land acquisition will continue in deliberations and decision making on what is being

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called "Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan Involving Classification of Recently Acquired State Parcels and Reclassification of Adjoining Parcels: Finch 2013." This entails the Essex Chain Lakes Tract, OK Slip Falls, the OSC Tract, and the Indian River Tract totaling 22,136 acres of new units—and the reclassification before the Board with the Hudson Gorge Primitive Area, and portions of the Blue Mountain Wild Forest and Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest.

She discussed the schedule staff implemented including the following:

- Developed DRAFT SEQR documents and classification alternatives
- Received Board authorization in May to release the draft to the public;
- 8 public hearings in June and July and public comment period ending July 19, 2013;
- Staff provided an overview of analysis to the Board in August;
- Staff addressed specific questions from the Board in September;
- Staff continued work in the review of the public comments and the assessment of proposed alternatives in the development of what is before the Board as a Preferred Alternative.

She thanked Commissioner Martens and other DEC staff for their assistance, including Designee Bob Stegemann. The consultations helped drive the process and focused the deliberations on three major themes that were consistent throughout the process: strong support for resource protection, community connectivity and recreational access. Staff integrated these themes within the framework of the SLMP guidelines.

She said the Preferred Alternative will establish a core primitive area that ensures the long term protection of the Essex Chain Lakes with no public motorized use. The most sensitive natural resources will be protected as a remote paddling experience which will be reasonably accessible to the general public. There will be no float planes on Third Lake but they will be allowed on First and Pine Lakes.

In accordance with the SLMP and consistent with public comment, the Hudson River Gorge Primitive Area will be reclassified to Wilderness.

The Preferred Alternative includes two potential Wild Forest connectors that could be used to accommodate the critical need to locate a community connector multi-use trail.

Through reclassification the Preferred Alternative expands the Blue Mountain Wild Forest and creates the potential for a network of

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mountain bicycle trails and opportunities for horses, horse and wagon riding and primitive camping.

The Preferred Alternative is consistent with the underlying theme of the SLMP which states protection of the natural resources is paramount and human use should be allowed as long as these resources are not degraded.

The plan has been carefully crafted and accommodates many of the interests of stakeholder groups.

She said staff will present the Board with a resolution for consideration. The resolution is the basis for action and is part of a recommendation to Governor Cuomo regarding the classification. It is a concluding step in the Agency's work.

Ms. Martino thanked the State Land Planning Team and other Agency staff as well as the all that sent in public comments. She also thanked Indian Lake, Minerva and Newcomb for hosting the public hearings.

Chairwoman Ulrich said it would be a full agency meeting Wednesday. Thursday morning will be Regulatory Programs followed by full agency. Friday will be full agency.

**4. Essex Chain/Indian River/OK Slip Tracts Classification**

**A record of the Full Agency meeting and deliberations on the Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan Involving Classification of Recently Acquired State Parcels and Reclassification of Adjoining Parcels: Finch 2013 is available on CD.**

Chairwoman Ulrich stated that she and Mr. Booth were co-chairing the meeting. She asked that all staffs' new materials and changes show a footer with the date and time to avoid confusion.

Mr. Booth asked for a chart showing the acreage of the proposed primitive areas. The State Land Planning Team agreed to prepare this chart.

**Standards for Agency Decision** (J. Townsend)

Counsel Townsend instructed the Board that they are charged with two standards for the decision: to accept the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and to authorize the Executive Director to publish notice in the Environmental Notice Bulletin for ten days for public consideration. Then the Agency Chairwoman is

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authorized to forward the recommendations for classification and reclassification to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Townsend said that he will track any changes being made to the FSEIS and will have those changes made.

Comparison of FSEIS and DSEIS (K. Regan)

Kathy Regan summarized the changes from the Draft to the Final SEIS. She said the many public comments as well as staff field work added valuable insight to the report.

Chairwoman Ulrich asked for print outs of the Redline Report for those that wanted one.

Mr. Booth asked that staff divide the Primitive Areas into three separate descriptions, one big area and two smaller ones. He asked for separate descriptions for each corridor possibility. Staff created a description of the Essex Chain Lakes Primitive Area as one large area.

Review of Alternatives (K. Regan)

Ms. Regan reviewed all of the alternatives and explained why they weren't chosen. She said Mr. Kendall would review the Preferred Alternative in detail. Discussion followed.

Beth Phillips handed out updated Appendix G of the FSEIS and Attachment D to the Resolution.

Preferred Alternative: A Review of the Map and Presentation of Area Descriptions (M. Kendall)

Matt Kendall provided map presentations of the Preferred Alternatives. There was detailed discussion.

Mr. Booth asked that Park-wide road mileage totals be added and for a topo map of the area showing the road area of the corridor.

Mr. Craig asked how the boundaries were drawn. Mr. Stegemann replied that natural boundaries are used when possible. Mr. Townsend said the State Land Master Plan requires this.

Staff will label rivers on the final map.

Staff provided large versions of the Preferred Alternative map.

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Chairwoman Ulrich thanked everyone. She said the meeting would resume Thursday morning at 9:00 AM with Regulatory Programs followed by Full Agency.

The meeting adjourned by Chairwoman Ulrich at 4:30 PM

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**Thursday, December 12, 2013**

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Dan Kelleher, Specialist Assistant for Economic Affairs  
Sue Streiff, Keyboard Specialist

Chairwoman Ulrich opened the Full Agency Meeting at 10:50 AM for continued discussion of Finch 2013. She said she and Mr. Booth would continue co-chairing the meeting.

**1. Detailed Overview of the Preferred Alternative and the Determinants for Classification in Relation to Public Comments**

Physical Characteristics (Matt Kendall)

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### -General Natural Resource Considerations

Matt Kendall provided a topo map of the area showing buffer zones, wetlands, river areas and slopes. He also provided soils and natural resources maps.

Based on public comment, there was discussion regarding the differences in land classification while the area was privately owned vs. state owned. Ms. Feldman asked if classification is about the ability of the land to withstand human use. She said the land was previously classified Low Intensity Area indicating a higher ability to withstand use, how is it now decided it can withstand less use? Mr. Kendall replied there is a difference in public use than private development use. He also pointed out that at one time the town of Minerva was looking at reclassifying a portion of this land and the consultant suggested the town line which was Low Intensity Use be changed to Rural Use which is more restrictive.

### Road Infrastructure

Mr. Kendall said there were a significant number of roads in the area. He presented a road map with DEC road categories based on the character of the road and how they were maintained. He explained the usage and provided pictures of the different types. He said this is map 3 of the FSEIS.

Chairwoman Ulrich pointed out some contradictions on page 10 of the FSEIS and wanted to make sure Counsel was aware of them.

There was discussion regarding the future of a Wild Forest corridor. The FSEIS left two corridors unclassified for consideration by the DEC UMP for a connector trail. One trail would run North and South and would require a bridge built over the Cedar River. The other would run East to West entering the Blue Mountain Wild Forest. Mr. Booth said the assumption that either corridor will allow snowmobiling will require answering legal issues first. Mr. Thomas asked if that meant there might not be a snowmobile trail at all. Counsel said that is to be decided by the DEC in the UMP. Mr. Stegemann said it is DEC's intention to have a trail but it must go through the process and would need public approval first. Chairwoman Ulrich noted this is clearly stated in the Resolution.

Break for lunch 12:00 - 1:00

### Biological Characteristics (Ed Snizek)

Ed Snizek presented on the Essex Chain Lakes surveys and discussed some of the unique characteristics of the area.



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-Essex Chain and Hudson River Fisheries, Wetlands and Wildlife

Mr. Thomas asked Mr. Snizek if either of the two corridor alternatives would have less impact on the area than the other. Mr. Snizek said no. He felt Option 1 may have less impact due to the use of existing roads. Walt Linck said the biological impacts are not significantly different on either corridor option.

Mr. Craig asked why the Essex Chain Lakes Tract required a Primitive classification when he has seen similar lakes in Wild Forest areas. Mr. Snizek replied there are different water quality parameters. He also noted the variety of plants and the quantities of threatened and protected plants in the area. He said the fact that these lakes are connected also made them unique.

Intangibles - Social and Other Related Issues Including Buildings and Existing Infrastructure (Beth Phillips)

-Reserved Rights and Easements under Essex Chain and OK Slip Parcels

Beth Phillips addressed the easements existing on the lands. She explained time frames for the Gooley Club and Polaris Club. She explained the use by the surrounding towns to use and access gravel pits on the property.

There was discussion regarding the floatplane easement with the Towns of Minerva and Newcomb on First and Pine Lakes. Chairwoman Ulrich, noting page 38 of the FSEIS, asked about others allowed access. Ms. Phillips said access by other private pilots would need permits from both the towns and the DEC.

**2. Economic Factors (Dan Kelleher)**

Dan Kelleher presented a report on the economic factors related to classification. He noted that while economic impact analysis is not required in regard to the SLMP, it is required in the SEQR. He said that due to public comment this analysis is included in the FSEIS (pg 20, 47).

Ms. Feldman said that while this may bring in more usage, it is also losing the camps and the sportsman that used them. She said this loss would have economic ramifications.

**3. Recreational Opportunities/Snowmobiling (Walt Linck)**

Mr. Linck presented the Nature Conservancy's video of the opening of the historic state land purchase of the Finch 2013. He also

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provided a video of his own adventures. He described the details of the two possible corridors and how the use of snowmobiles would not be detrimental. He provided a topo map that clarified the corridors.

Walt Linck described possible recreational use of the lands including camping, hiking, paddling and snowmobiling.

#### **4. Board Discussion of the Preferred Alternative/Draft Resolution (Full Agency)**

Chairwoman Ulrich noted that updated materials were being distributed.

She asked if there were any questions on the alternatives. There were none.

Counsel noted that the changes to the FSEIS included changing Essex Chain Tract to Essex Chain Lakes Tract and changing totals to parkwide totals.

#### **Draft Resolution**

Counsel advised of the action the Board will need to take in regard to this Resolution. He said the Agency needs to authorize the Executive Director to publish the Resolution in the ENB where it will be posted for ten days. Then the Chairwoman will be authorized to forward the recommendation to the Governor.

Kathy Regan suggested the Board read the area descriptions carefully while following along with the map. She explained the Resolution addresses two separate Primitive Areas. She said Mr. Booth wanted a written description of one large Primitive Area merging Pine Lake and Essex Chain Lakes Tract Areas which staff is finalizing. Mr. Booth said it will be part of the record but not in the Resolution.

Mr. Booth asked that staff re-check the descriptions describing the classification of both options of corridors.

Beth Phillips went through the changes to the Resolution.

Ms. Feldman asked about the wording of all-terrain bicycles. Counsel replied that is the language used in the State Land Master Plan which defines all-terrain bicycling.

Mr. Booth referred to the last whereas on page three addressing all-terrain bicycles in the Essex Chain Lakes Tract. He said if he was writing this he would leave open the possibility of amending these guidelines or creating a new classification which would allow all-

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terrain bicycling near Wilderness Areas. He said Counsel told him that even though the Resolution is going to read this way, if the Agency were to decide in the future that a better way to approach this bicycle question was a new classification, the Agency could do so at that time. Counsel confirmed this.

Mr. Lussi suggested the Board and staff clarify what four season roads are. Mr. Stegemann said that would be addressed in the UMP.

Ms. Phillips summarized the resolutions. Mr. Booth asked if the Board needed to authorize Counsel and the Executive Director to make non-substantive technical corrections. Counsel said he would add language to the resolution.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM

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Dan Kelleher, Specialist Assistant for Economic Affairs  
Richard Weber, Deputy Director Regulatory Programs  
Mary Reardon, Secretary 1  
Sue Streiff, Keyboard Specialist

Chairwoman Ulrich opened the meeting at 9:10 AM for committee reports followed by continued discussion of Finch 2013. She acknowledged Mary Palmer's great work with Holiday Helpers and thanked the Board and staff for their generous contributions to the program.

**1. Committee Reports**

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a. Regulatory Programs Committee

-P2013-239 Lyme Adirondack Timberlands I, Inc

The project is located in the Town of Webb, Herkimer County. The tax map number of the property site is Section 33, Block 1, Parcel 1. The project involves a 42 acre shelterwood overstory removal constituting a greater than 25 acre jurisdictional clearcut in upland forest.

Ms. Feldman asked about the public's concern that the process for this project was so fast that some felt there wasn't sufficient time for public comment. Mr. Weber said staff followed the fifteen day comment period. Counsel said the statutory fifteen days was recognized. Chairwoman Ulrich said if this project was more controversial and more time was needed for analysis, the time clock could have been stopped.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Valentino, the proposed Lyme Timber project permit was approved unanimously with minor amendments.

**2. Interim Reports**

The Administration, Economic Affairs and Park Policy and Planning did not meet this month. Monthly reports for some of these committees were included in the mailing.

Administration Committee

Ms. Feldman added her name to the list of Committee Members present. On motion by Ms. Scozzafava, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the minutes of the November 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Enforcement Committee

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the minutes of the November 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

State Land Committee

Mr. Booth recapped the fire tower discussions from last month. On motion by Mr. Valentino seconded by Stegemann the minutes of the November 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Legal Affairs Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Austin, the minutes of the November meeting were approved unanimously.

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### Local Government Services

On motion by Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Ms. Scozzafava, the minutes of the November meeting were approved unanimously.

### Public Awareness and Communications

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the minutes of the November meeting were approved unanimously.

### Park Ecology

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Austin, the minutes of the November 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

## **Agency Discussion of the Draft Resolution**

### **3. Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan Involving Classification of Recently Acquired State Parcels and Reclassification of Adjoining Parcels: Finch 2013**

The State Land Team went through changes to the Resolution for Acceptance of the FSEIS and Recommendation for Classification (Finch 2013 Resolution) and Attachments and responded to several questions from members and Designees.

A motion to approve the Finch 2013 Resolution was made by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Valentino. Discussion on the Resolution followed.

Mr. Booth said by adopting this, the resolution created a large Wilderness Area around the Hudson River and then two possibilities regarding Primitive Areas. He said he very much hopes Option 1 becomes reality which would create a north/south corridor across the Cedar River with a recreation trail including snowmobiling and then a very large Primitive Area. He said to get to this point there were two important points. He said first, the resolution strongly protects resources on both sides of the Hudson River. He said that this is a predominant mandate of the State Land Master Plan. He said second and equally important, is that many voices were included in this discussion and many people made compromises to get to this point. He said while many individuals may be dissatisfied with some pieces of this, he thinks overall the process worked the way it is supposed to work. He said even if the resolution doesn't satisfy 100%, it is still a remarkable decision. He feels the resolution strongly protects the natural resources in the area for the unforeseeable future. He said many voices and compromises allowed the process to work. He said to flash forward a hundred years and

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he would suggest to all that the Board is taking actions today for resources people will enjoy for a very long time.

Mr. Thomas expressed his strong desire to see a bridge built over the Cedar River for a snowmobile corridor. He thanked staff and members for the many compromises made and hard work.

Mr. Valentino thanked all agencies involved in this long and complicated decision. He said law and good science worked together to produce this resolution.

Mr. Craig said this decision is a good balance between access and recreation. He said a change in the State Land Master Plan is well over due.

Mr. Stegemann said this process was a career milestone. He said the process required strong leadership and thanked the Governor and Commissioner. He praised the working relationship between agencies and felt this set the stage for future collaboration.

Mr. Lussi thanked the Nature Conservancy for the purchase of this land. He noted the change in the way people expressed their opinions in a respectful manner and the effect their voice had on this decision.

Ms. Feldman expressed regret at the loss of a way of life for the lessees and thanked them for their excellent stewardship. She said this decision supports the capacity of the land to withstand use.

Ms. Scozzafava thanked staff. She said diverse voices came together to reach this resolution and she looks forward to seeing economic improvements.

Mr. Wilt expressed concern for the sportsmen currently leasing the land and being such good stewards of the land. He hopes a UMP can include a bridge over the Cedar River for a snowmobile corridor.

Mr. Austin thanked everyone for their hard work. He said the resolution protects the land while highlighting opportunity.

Chairwoman Ulrich thanked staff for an educational journey. She said she embraces an incredible time in the Adirondacks. She thanked Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Martens for their dedication to the Adirondacks. She stressed there is much work to do and looks forward to working with the DEC on the UMP.

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion where upon the Board unanimously approved the Finch 2013 Resolution.

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Counsel reiterated instructions that the Board authorize the Executive Director to submit the resolution to the Environmental Notice Bulletin for public review. After ten days, the Agency Chairwoman is then authorized to forward the recommendation for classification and reclassification to the Governor.

### **4. Public Comment**

Peter O'Shea said he is a member of Protect! but was speaking as a private citizen. He said he supported the decision but would have liked to see more Wilderness classified.

Ron Konowitz, president of the Adirondack Powder Skier Association, spoke about his association's campaign to gain permission to maintain glades for backcountry skiing.

Dan Plumley, with Adirondack Wild, congratulated the Agency, Department, The Nature Conservancy and all who worked on this process.

All public comments are available on the Agency website.

### **5. Member Comment**

Mr. Monroe thanked staff for coming up with this plan when the easy answer would have been to classify the land Wilderness. He said that although not all his goals had been met it was a good compromise. He asked that DEC staff consider the sportsmen during the UMP process. He state the Local Government Review Board supports this resolution.

Mr. Stegemann praised staff and the Board for reaching this extraordinary conclusion. He pointed out the outcome of dedicated staff working together. Mr. Stegemann said DEC staff would dive right in to the UMP process.

Ms. Feldman asked the public to give this classification a chance. She said there is something for everyone in this unprecedented resolution.

Mr. Craig reminded the Board there is no meeting in January and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mr. Austin reported that CFA grants went to several projects within the park and that he would continue to work with Dan Kelleher and Brian Grisi on these.



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Mr. Thomas reported his committee is reaching out to involve AATV and others in Local Government Day. The next LGD meeting will be held in February.

Mr. Valentino wished all Happy Holidays and New Year.

Mr. Lussi commended the Board and Designees for a thoughtful process. He said he looks forward to enjoying a new place in the Park.

Mr. Booth acknowledged George Davis and his historical work in this area. He thanked staff. He said the process worked due to the very substantial basis of previous research and expertise.

Mr. Wilt wished all Happy Holidays. He thanked the Board and staff for helping guide him through this process as a new member.

Ms. Scozzafava wished all Happy Holidays.

Counsel Townsend recognized Kathy Regan, Beth Phillips, Keith McKeever, Walt Linck, Ed Snizek and Matt Kendall, members of the State Land Planning Team. He said they were phenomenal to work with. He also recognized Jim Connolly for his leadership. He thanked support staff Laurie Bullis, Mary Palmer, Sue Streiff and Amy Hall for helping with the quick turnaround of documents and general support. He thanked the Executive Director and Chairwoman.

Ms. Martino began by saying hello to retired Jim Connolly and wished him Happy Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. She said Mr. Connolly had retired on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> a month ago. She thanked everyone: the Towns of Minerva, Newcomb and Indian Lake; the public whose comments were instrumental in the work for regional planning; staff and the State Land Planning Team. She named and thanked each member of the State Team and technical and support staff who had assisted with the classification. She said Counsel's background with the Agency was critical. She thanked the DEC, the Chairwoman and Counsel and said she looks forward to the community work on the horizon and work on the UMP. She wished all Happy Holidays.

Chairwoman Ulrich thanked the staff and the State Land Team. She said this process has helped shrink the distance between the Adirondacks and Albany. She thanked the Governor and his staff for all the support. She said it was a privilege to have Albany staff Basil Saggos, Anne Tarpinian and Peter Walke at the Agency to celebrate the passing of this resolution. She said she would like to have a committee meeting to see all the work Mr. Kendall does.

Executive Director Martino acknowledged retired Executive Secretary, Deb Lester. She said it was very interesting to get through the

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meeting and historic event without Deb's 30-plus years of experience. She and Chairman Ulrich thanked Sue Streiff for stepping in and taking minutes this month.

Chairwoman Ulrich wished all a safe and happy Holiday season.

**6. Adjournment**

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Attachments:

Permit 2013-0239, Lyme Adirondack Timberlands, LLC

Description of large Primitive Area - K. Regan

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Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman