



**MINUTES OF THE PARK ECOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 14, 2014**

Committee members in attendance included Agency Chairwoman Leilani Ulrich, Members Arthur Lussi and Daniel Wilt, Designees Bradley Austin Department of Economic Development, and Robert Stegemann Department of Environmental Conservation, and Committee Chair Valentino. Members Karen Feldman, Richard Booth, and William Thomas, joined the Committee. Also participating in the meeting was Executive Director Fred Monroe of the Local Government Review Board. Staff included Executive Director Terry Martino, Counsel James Townsend, Supervisor, Natural Resource Analysis Ed Snizek and Environmental Engineers Greg Bendell and Shaun LaLonde.

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

**Supervisor, Natural Resources Report (E. Snizek)**

Mr. Snizek briefly reviewed the monthly activity report for the RASS Division which was included in the Board monthly mailing packet.

**Renovate and Renovate OTF Guidance Document (E. Snizek, APA)**

Mr. Snizek presented information on the Renovate Guidance Document prepared by Agency staff. The purpose of the document is to provide guidance to staff, lake associations, local municipalities, APIPP and other involved agencies with the management and control of Eurasian watermilfoil using the aquatic herbicide Renovate® and Renovate® OTF.

This was a second reading of the guidance document. Counsel noted that the document could be adopted by staff as guidance unless the Committee believed it should be treated as a policy. There was no formal action by the Committee to treat the guidance as a policy and as such would report to the full Board.

**Agency Review of Stormwater Management (S. LaLonde, G. Bendell)**

Shaun LaLonde reviewed the approach taken by the Agency to stormwater management as it relates to site development. He noted that the goal is to have the development fit the site not for the site to fit the development. He presented the process

as it applies to the review of jurisdictional inquiries, projects, State land activities and enforcement cases.

Mr. LaLonde noted that stormwater runoff is addressed in the Adirondack Park Agency Act and the Rules and Regulations via development considerations, structure setbacks, shoreline regulations and cutting restrictions which all work together to address stormwater runoff.

Designee Stegemann emphasized the need to continue discussions on coordinating review between agencies to streamline application processes for the public. Member Lussi concurred. Mr. LaLonde added that coordinated reviews occur as appropriate.

Greg Bendell then reviewed the objectives of a basic erosion and sediment control plan which has elements that include standards and specifications for erosion and sediment control found in the New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual which was first released in 2001. Since that time the manual has been updated to incorporate green infrastructure practices.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.