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Draft Minutes
Park Ecology Committee
February 2015 Agency Meeting

**MINUTES OF THE PARK ECOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 13, 2015**

The Park Ecology Committee convened at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Park Ecology Committee Members Present:

Arthur Lussi, Acting Agency and Committee Chair, Daniel Wilt, Bradley Austin (DED) and Robert Stegemann (DEC).

Other Members and Designees Present:

Karen Feldman, Richard Booth, Sherman Craig, William Thomas and Dierdre Scozzafava (DOS), Agency Chair Ulrich was absent.

Local Government Review Board:

Fred Monroe, Executive Director.

Agency Staff Present:

Terry Martino, Executive Director, James Townsend, Counsel, Ed Snizek, Supervisor, Natural Resources Analysis.

Supervisor, Natural Resources Report (E. Snizek)

Mr. Snizek briefly reviewed the monthly activity report for the RASS Division which was included in the monthly mailing packet to the Board. Mr. Snizek also reported on improvements to the Adirondack Lakes Alliance which began as a core group of 12 lake associations in 2008 and has grown to about 60 lake associations in 2014. He also reported on upcoming training, including Septic System Inspection Training which will be held at the Agency on March 18 and Adirondack Wetland Monitoring Training for Citizen Scientists on February 28, March 21 and May 30. The wetland training is being organized by the Agency as part of the EPA Phase 2 program.

Youth Climate Session at the Wild Center (Jen Kretser)

Jen Kretser, Program Director of the Wild Center, provided an overview of the Youth Climate Session which is held annually at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake. She was joined by several student leaders from various local high schools.

While attending the session, students develop climate action plans with the hope of implementing their strategies within local communities.

Member Feldman applauded their efforts and asked what the Agency can do to assist the students in their work. Ms. Kretser responded she would like to see more school involvement and noted the importance of spreading the word and supporting local schools in their efforts by attending the annual event held at the Wild Center. Ms. Kretzer extended an invitation to the Agency Board to attend next year's session at the Center.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.