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TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino
FROM: Kathleen Regan
DATE: January 5, 2017
RE: MA2017-01 (Town of Essex)

The Adirondack Park Agency received an application for amendments to the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map (the Official Map) from the Town of Essex. The application consists of 15 different proposals, ranging from approximately 2.3 acres to 2599 acres, which include proposals for both more restrictive and less restrictive classifications. This proposal includes one Hamlet expansion which is 5.5 acres in size and has public sewer and water service. The map amendment proposals are the culmination of years of work by the Town, with assistance from the Agency, that included a careful analysis of the Town's natural resource characteristics and other land use considerations, revising the Town's zoning ordinance, and a revised zoning map. The proposed map amendments will significantly reduce discrepancies between the Town's zoning map and the Official Map.

Staff have reviewed the proposed map amendment and prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS). A printed copy of the Executive Summary of DSEIS is attached to this memo. A copy of the full DSEIS, including appendices, is included on the Agency mailing CD. Staff are requesting that the Agency Board accept the DSEIS and authorize staff to commence the public input process on this matter.

Staff intend to hold one public hearing in the Town of Essex. Public comments received at the hearing or in writing will be incorporated into the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement when this matter is brought back to the Board for decision.