



Adirondack Park Agency

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DRAFT MINUTES
State Land Committee
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Agency Meeting
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The State Land Committee convened at 2:45 pm.

State Land Committee Members Present:

John Ernst – Committee Chair, Chad Dawson, Arthur Lussi, William Thomas and Robert Stegemann (DEC)

Other Members and Designees Present:

Bradley Austin (ESD) Presiding Member, Daniel Wilt and Lynne Mahoney (DOS)

Local Government Review Board

Gerald Delaney, Executive Director

Agency Staff Present:

Terry Martino, Christopher Cooper, Richard Weber, Matt McNamara, Kevin Prickett and Mary Palmer

Approval of May 2019 Draft Minutes

By motion of Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the May minutes were unanimously approved.

Planning Division Report

Mr. Weber said staff received two UMPs that are located in Intensive Use areas for review. Hinckley Day Use Area is a roughly 600-acre site on Hinkley Reservoir in the Town of Russia, Herkimer County. It is currently operating as a Day Use area with a large beach, pavilions and picnic areas. The Department is proposing to develop a Campground of 150 new sites with a new boat launch and trails. A first joint site visit is scheduled for June 27th. The second UMP is for Fish Creek Ponds Campground in the Town of Santa Clara, Franklin County. It has 355 existing campsites. Key proposals for this plan include: upgrading facilities to current standards, shoreline stabilization, plantings and vegetation management for increased privacy. A joint site visit is scheduled for June 18th.

Mr. Weber said staff received a map amendment request in the Town of Westport from the Town and Consolidated Mortgages, LLC. The Board accepted a DSEIS in November 2018 for a 30-acre Hamlet expansion, and the Agency held a hearing in December 2018. The map amendment area requested is located adjacent to an existing sewer district. In January, the Town asked the Agency to delay bringing the proposal to the Board for a decision while they moved forward with expanding the sewer district. The expansion was approved by the Town on May 28th and Agency staff are currently reviewing the information provided.

Primitive Tent Site Guidance

Mr. Weber said the development of this guidance has been a long and important team effort by Agency staff Kevin Prickett, Walt Linck and Matt McNamara, and DEC staff Karyn Richards, Peter Frank, Keith Rivers, Mcree Burnam and Eric Kasza. He added that the most recent discussions regarding ADA requirements have been assisted by legal staff from both agencies including Paul Van Cott, APA, and Jonathan Gunther of DEC in order to clarify this aspect of the guidance.

It is important to remember that the Master Plan defines in part, a primitive tent site as an improvement that is undeveloped in character and designed and located to be the least intrusive on the environment. Developing and maintaining these essential improvements for overnight shelter while remaining as undeveloped in character is a central intent of the guidance.

Mr. Weber said staff will be recommending to the Board the opening of another joint Public Comment period to seek comment on the substance of the guidance and its conformance with the Master Plan.

Agency staff, Matt McNamara and Peter Frank, DEC Forest Preserve Bureau Chief provided the presentation.

Mr. Stegemann asked if the separate cook sites would be done routinely or in areas where there have been issues. Mr. Frank said it would not be done routinely, but in areas with high use.

Mr. Ernst asked if there is a plan for the closures of sites. Mr. Frank said it has not been thought about under the guidance plan. He said closures would be in the management actions through the UMP process. Dr. Dawson added that those type of plans would be in the monitoring program guidance.

Dr. Dawson complimented everyone that worked on the Tent Site Guidance. He said the guidance is clear and is an important record for the future. Mr. Ernst agreed, adding that it is well thought out.

Mr. Frank added that a lot of staff worked on the guidance. He thanked the original people that went out in the field looking at sites trying to come up with solutions.

Mr. Ernst asked for a motion to proceed to public comment.

By motion of Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Public Comment Period was unanimously approved.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Mr. Ernst, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.