



**State Land Committee
December 10, 2020**

The State Land Committee convened at 10:00 a.m.

State Land Committee Members Present:

John Ernst, Committee Chair, Arthur Lussi, Dr. Chad Dawson, Mark Hall, and Joseph Zalewski (DEC)

Other Members and Designees Present:

Bradley Austin (ESD) Presiding Member, Daniel Wilt, Zoe Smith, Andrea Hogan, Ken Lynch, and Matt Tebo (DOS)

Local Government Review Board

Gerald Delaney, Executive Director

Agency Staff Present:

Terry Martino, Executive Director, Christopher Cooper, Counsel, Richard Weber, Deputy Director of Planning, Walt Link, Matt McNamara, Elizabeth Phillips, and Annemarie Peer

Planning Division Report (Richard Weber)

Mr. Weber gave an update of the Planning Division activities including working on UMPS such as the Chazy Highlands Complex, the Fish Creek Campground Intensive Use Area Amendment, the Hinckley Day Use Area, and an Amendment for the Pharoah Lake Wilderness Area which has recently been received.

Mr. Weber also commented on other staff work, such as the involvement with the High Peaks Advisory Group Committee and participation with the advisory committee with Fort Drum to address training locations.

Mr. Weber said that work is continuing on the Town of Lake Luzerne Map Amendment. The comment period has concluded and staff are working to prepare the material for future review. He also said Agency local government service work has been affected by towns being on restrictions due to COVID. He reported Agency Local Government Planning staff are assisting with the jurisdictional inquiries involving approved towns.

DeBar Mountain Complex and Debar Lodge Day Use Area UMPs and Agency DEIS Reclassification Action (Steve Guglielmi, DEC and Matt McNamara)

Mr. McNamara and Mr. Guglielmi gave a detailed overview of the proposed reclassification and UMPs. They are working jointly on the SEQRA process. They went over the history, generic environmental impact statements, and how the public comments are used during the scoping process.

They went over location, maps, natural features in the units, UMP highlights, current conditions and proposals, water access sites, trail uses and proposals. They discussed locational photos and site plans and discussed alternatives that are being presented.

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A Motion to accept the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement and to schedule hearings and a public comment period on the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement and the proposed reclassifications, including all considered alternatives, to be held jointly with DEC's hearings and comment period for the Draft UMP for the Debar Mountain Complex which includes the Debar Lodge Day Use Area was made by Mr. Zalweski and seconded by Mr. Ernst and was voted upon, with Dr. Dawson voting no.

Essex Chain Lakes UMP Amendment (Walt Link)

Mr. Link gave a review of the proposed amendment to the 2016 Unit Management Plan in the form of rescinding the campfire prohibition at eleven primitive tent sites at the Essex Chain Lakes and development of an equestrian staging area at the site of the Outer Gooley Club.

Mr. Link showed maps and pictures of the campsites and their present conditions. He also said they would put in rock fire rings, and signage such as Leave No Trace behind.

Mr. Link also showed pictures and maps of the developed equestrian staging area and gave examples of available outhouses and kiosks. He also remarked that the Agency received ten public comments.

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A motion to accept the amended resolution for the Essex Chain Lakes Management Complex UMP regarding the determination of conformance with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan was made by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Lussi. All were in favor, with Dr. Dawson voting no.

Old Business

None

New Business

Dr. Dawson proposed that presentations be made for monitoring and reviewing of UMPs periodically.

Mr. Ernst, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.