

AGENDA
ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
July 11, 2024

Agency Meeting Thursday, July 11, 9:30 am

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FULL AGENCY

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Welcoming Remarks (John Ernst, Chair)
3. Public Comment

Public comment will be available to members of the public who attend the Agency meeting in person as well as those who attend the meeting remotely. If you would like the opportunity to speak remotely during public comment, please send your name, the phone number you will be using to call into the WebEx (noted above), and the topic on which you will be commenting to AgencyMeeting.PublicComment@apa.ny.gov. Commentators will be limited to no more than three minutes each.

The Agency encourages public comment that will assist us in improving our practices, procedures, and our responsibility to the public. However, to promote fundamental fairness, and in consideration of the substantial time available for written comment, the policy of the Agency is to exclude public comment on matters pending decision until the

conclusion of Agency business. This includes: (1) any matter which is before the Agency for action at this meeting; (2) any enforcement case which is before the Agency; (3) any matter for which an adjudicatory public hearing has been convened. Conduct of the meeting is always at the discretion of the Chair or Committee Chair.

4. Approval of June 20, 2024 Draft Agency Minutes
5. Recusals
6. Motion for Executive Session
7. Executive Director's Report (Barbara Rice)
8. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Agency Chair may serve as a voting member of any of the committees.

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Park Policy and Planning Committee

Benita Law Diao (Chair), Mark Hall, Brad Austin

1. Planning Division Report (Megan Phillips)
2. Northern Forest Center Community Focused Initiatives (Leslie Karasin)

For information: The Northern Forest Center will share an overview of their efforts to recruit and retain young people to Adirondack communities, including the approach they are using to develop new housing in several Adirondack hamlets.

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Regulatory Programs Committee

Chair: Dan Wilt; Committee Members: Art Lussi, Ken Lynch, Matt Tebo, DOS

1. Regulatory Programs Committee Report (David Plante, AICP CEP)
2. P2024-0046 – Vineyard Solar 10 MW Solar Project – Town of Crown Point, Essex County

For action: Development of a 10MW-AC community solar generation facility to include a fixed-tilt, ground-mounted solar array with two separately fenced areas: 5MW ac on the west side of Vineyard Road and the south side of Pearl Street. No changes are proposed to an existing sand and gravel mine located on the same site to the west of the western solar site. No development is proposed north of Pearl Street.

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Executive Session & Lunch

1:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Park Ecology Committee

Chair: Zoë Smith, Benita Law-Diao, Brad Austin, ESD, Joe Zalewski, DEC

1. Park Ecology Committee Report (Dr. Lizz Schuyler)
2. For information: Presentation – Adirondack Brook Trout Pond Plan - DEC Chief of Fisheries, Steve Hurst, will provide the Board an overview of a new draft Adirondack Brook Trout Pond Plan that will be released for public comment later this summer. The plan will serve as a conservation roadmap for the next 15 years to help preserve and protect populations of this iconic species of fish, which is an integral part of the Adirondack's natural heritage.

3. For information: Presentation – Browning and warming of Adirondack lakes limit habitat available to brook trout - Dr. Tommy Detmer, Senior Research Associate, Adirondack Fishery Research Program, Cornell University will be providing an overview on long term monitoring of Adirondack lakes that shows they are warming, becoming more tea-stained, and suffering oxygen depletion at the bottom. Submerged sensors reveal that both surface warming and bottom oxygen depletion are increasingly squeezing trout between inhospitable zones, and tagged trout show us that these habitat constraints limit their summertime activities. This ecological perspective complements angler data, which suggest that humans are also responding to shifting conditions in the Adirondacks.

3:15 PM

Full Agency

9. Committee Reports

Park Policy and Planning (Benita Law-Diao)

Regulatory Programs (Dan Wilt)

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Park Ecology (Zoë Smith)

10. Interim Reports

Local Government Services (Dan Wilt)

Public Awareness and Communications (Mark Hall)

Enforcement (Art Lussi)

Economic Affairs (Mark Hall)

Legal Affairs (Art Lussi)

Local Government Review Board Report (Gerald Delaney, LGRB)

Administration (John Ernst)

State Land (Ken Lynch)

11. Member Comment

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

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