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**FINAL AGENDA**  
**ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY**  
**October 17, 2024**

Agency Meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/APAOct2024Thu>

Join by the webinar number  
1-518-549-0500

Webinar number (access code): 2347 441 3770

**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](mailto: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 September 12, 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\***

### **State Land Committee**

Ken Lynch (Chair), Benita Law-Diao, Zoë Smith, Joe Zalewski (DEC)

1. Planning Division Report (Megan Phillips)
2. Mount Van Hoevenberg Unit Management Plan Amendment (Ashley Walden and Rebecca Dayton, ORDA, Mitchell Jones, APA)

For action: Staff from the Olympic Regional Development Authority and the Agency will present management actions and State Land Master Plan (SLMP) considerations for the proposed draft amendment to the 1986 Mount Van Hoevenberg Unit Management Plan. Agency staff will seek authorization to initiate a joint public comment period with the Department of Environmental Conservation to solicit input on the amendment and its conformance with the SLMP.

## **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM\***

### **Local Government Services Committee**

Dan Wilt (Chair), Mark Hall, Matthew Tebo (DOS), Joe Zalewski (DEC)

1. Local Government Services Report (Robyn Burgess)
2. Community Planning and Design Projects with Towns of Hague and Keene (Mistaya Smith, APA)

For information: Planning Division intern Mistaya Smith will provide an overview of her summer 2024 work with the Agency, including two community focused planning initiatives: mapping Town recreational assets and wayfinding concept designs for the Town of Keene and the development conceptual designs and narrative for a waterfront visitor center in the Town of Hague.

## **12:00 PM – 1:00 PM\***

### **Park Ecology Committee**

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

1. Park Ecology Committee Report (Dr. Lizz Schuyler)
2. For information: Update on Moose Research in the Adirondack Park – (Jim Stickles, Big Game Biologist, Division of Fish and Wildlife, NYS DEC and Jen Grauer, Ph.D. Candidate, Cornell University)

For information: The moose population in New York has increased since natural recolonization of the state but is potentially stagnating and contends with multiple limiting factors. Ongoing monitoring and field investigations on the potential mechanisms limiting moose indicate parasite-induced disease is an important consideration for moose conservation in the state. Here we present information on the status of moose in NY and the impacts of parasites on moose population health.

**1:00 PM \***

**Full Agency**

9. Committee Reports

State Land (Ken Lynch)  
Local Government Services (Dan Wilt)  
Park Ecology (Zoë Smith)

10. Interim Reports

Public Awareness and Communications (Mark Hall)  
Park Policy and Planning (Benita Law-Diao)  
Enforcement (Art Lussi)  
Economic Affairs (Mark Hall)  
Legal Affairs (Art Lussi)  
Administration (John Ernst)  
Regulatory Programs (Dan Wilt)  
Local Government Review Board Report (Gerald Delaney, LGRB)

11. Member Comment

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

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Art Lussi  
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