

# 2017 Agency Board Highlights

## FULL AGENCY

- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment**  
– Bart Haralson, Environmental Program Specialist (January 2017)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment**  
– Elizabeth Stankus, Assistant Office Services Manager (May 2017)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Changes**  
- Bart Haralson and Patrick Connally transferred from the Enforcement Division to Regulatory Programs; Tracy Darrah transferred from Regulatory Programs to the JIF Office; the retirements of Denise Wagner and Mitch Goroski. (May 2017)
- **2017 Earth Day/ Arbor Day Tree Planting** – Tree planting in honor and remembrance of Peter Van de Water. (May 2017)
- **P2017-106, Town of Essex Water Treatment Facility Variance** – Presentation by Rick Weber (September 2017)
- **Generic Travel Corridor UMP** – Presentation by Ed Frantz, DOT (September 2017)
- **Tour of Lyme Timber Company Landholding, Piercefield, NY** (September 2017)

- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment**  
– Sarah Staab, Environmental Program Specialist 1 Trainee (October 2017)
- **Community Spotlight** – Joe Pete Wilson, Town of Keene Supervisor (October 2017)

## **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- **The Hub, Brant Lake, NY** - Presentation by Drew Cappabianca highlighting his multitasking business the Hub, a bicycle shop and tavern and its positive impact on the community of Brant Lake. (May 2017)
- **Adirondack Park Agency Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance and Envision Adirondacks Initiatives**  
– Overview by Dan Kelleher of the Agency’s current Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance initiative (HEPA) and the anticipated Envision Adirondacks initiative. (November 2017)

## **ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

- **E2016-6, Leroy K. Snow NAV** – Apparent junkyard on MIU land in the Town of Moriah, Essex County. Presentation to Enforcement Committee by Jennifer Hubbard. (March 2017)

## **LEGAL AFFAIRS**

- **Proposal Revisions to Agency SEQR and FOIL Regulations** – Paul Van Cott provided an update and status report.

- The Agency unanimously approved the reaffirmation of the Resolution to initialize formal rulemaking on revisions to the agency's SEQR and FOIL regulations. (October 2015)
  - The Agency unanimously approved the Resolution to initialize formal rulemaking on revisions to the Agency's FOIL regulations. (February 2016)
  - The Agency unanimously authorized staff to proceed to formal rulemaking on FOIL regulations amendments. (May 2016)
  - Notice of proposed rulemaking published in the State Register. (September 2016)
  - Public Hearings held. (November 2016)
  - The Board voted unanimously to accept the rule making and the Chair certified the rule. (January 2017)
- **Revisions to Agency SEQR Regulations –**
    - Paul Van Cott presented SEQR regulations amendments for information. (June 2016)
    - DEC Presentation on DEC SEQR Rulemaking. (Lawrence Weintraub, DEC) (May 2017)
    - Update on APA SEQR Rule Outreach. (Paul Van Cott) (May 2017)
- **Updated Administrative Adjudication Plan –** Paul Van Cott provided an overview of the updated plan as per Executive orders #131 and #2. (May 2017)
    - The Board unanimously authorized the updated Administrative Adjudication Plan to proceed to public comment. (May 2017)

- The Board unanimously approved the updated MOU for DEC Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Services. (May 2017)

- **Amended Administrative Adjudication Plan –** Presentation by Paul Van Cott on an updated plan with summaries of administrative hearing processes required by Executive Orders #131 and #2. The Board unanimously approved the amended Plan. (June 2017)

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- **Town of Colton Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment –** Presentation by Kate-Lyn Knight. The Board unanimously approved the repeal and replacement of the Town, Colton, St. Lawrence County Land Use Code. (March 2017)
- **Overview of Local Government Day 2017 –** Presentation by Robyn Burgess and Kate-Lyn Knight. (May 2017)
- **Delegation Resolution Amendment to Agency-Approved Local Land Use Programs –** Presentation by Robyn Burgess.
  - The Board unanimously approved the Amendment of the Delegation Resolution to Permit Consideration of Classes of Minor Amendments to Agency-Approved Local Land Use Programs by the Executive Director. (May 2017)
- **Town of Newcomb Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment –** Presentation by Robyn Burgess.

- The Board unanimously approved the addition of the new use “Portable Sawmill and the addition of existing uses by site plan review in certain zoning districts: Tourist Accommodation, Campgrounds, Home Based Manufacturing and Sales. In addition, the amendment proposes to change Hunting & Fishing Cabins from permissible by site plan review to a permissible use in the Town LC&R8.5 zones in the Town of Newcomb, Essex County. (June 2017)

## **PARK ECOLOGY COMMITTEE**

- **Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program** – Erin Vennie-Vollrath and Zack Simek provided a summary of the 2016 Terrestrial and aquatic invasive species management programs. (January 2017)
- **White Nose Bat Syndrome** – Carl Herzog, DEC provided an update on the status of White Nose Syndrome in bat colonies in New York State and the country. (June 2017)
- **Adirondack Watershed Institute Stewardship Program Update** – Dr. Eric Holmlund, Director of the Paul Smith’s College Watershed Stewardship Program, provided an update on the Adirondack AIS Spread Prevention Program. (July 2017)
- **Determining the Regional Effects of Road Salting on Adk Waterbodies** – Presentation by Dr. Dan Kelting, Executive Director, Adirondack Watershed Institute on the effects of road salt application rates on soil fertility and water quality in the Park. (November 2017)

## **PARK POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- **Town of Essex, Essex County Map Amendment MA 2017-01 – Matt Kendall**
  - Matt Kendall provided background information regarding the Town's plans for an upcoming map amendment. (September 2016)
  - The Board unanimously accepted the Town of Essex Map Amendment DSEIS and authorized it to go to public hearing. (January 2017)
  - The Board unanimously approved the FSEIS for the Town of Essex map amendment. (October 2017)
- **Town of Crown Point Map Amendment MA 2017-02 – Matt Kendall**
  - The Board unanimously accepted the Town of Crown Point Map Amendment DSEIS and authorized it to go to public hearing. (May 2017)
  - The Board unanimously approved the Town of Crown Point Map Amendment FSEIS. (November 2017)
- **Cartographic Administration of the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan – Presentation by John Barge. (June 2017)**

## **PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- **Overview and Six-Year Update of the ADK Futures Project – Dave Mason and Jim Hernan provided an overview and update of the strategic visioning work in the Park. (July 2017)**

## REGULATORY PROGRAMS

- **2016-0186 – Lyme Timber Company** – Aaron Ziemann presented a project in the Town of Black Brook, Clinton County involving a timber harvest on a 295 acre portion of Lyme’s 16,898 acre Black Brook Tract. The Board unanimously approved the project. (January 2017)
- **P2016-0050 – Saranac Lake Resort, LLC** – Tracy Darrah presented a project in the Town of North Elba, Essex County involving the removal of three existing hotel structures and redeveloping the site with a new 93 room, four story hotel approximately 32,000 square feet in footprint. The Board approved the project and variance eight in support, one against. (February 2017)
- **P2016-0114 – Barile Family, LLC** – Milt Adams presented a project in the Town of North Elba, Essex County involving the subdivision of 590 acres containing wetlands into 17 lots in a Resource Management land use area. The Board unanimously approved the project. (February 2017)
- **Procedures for Delegated Variances** – Rick Weber presented procedures for delegated variances. (May 2017)
- **General Permit 2017G-1, Address to and Replacement of Utility Poles in Wetlands** – Rick Weber
  - The Board unanimously authorized General Permit 2017G-1, Access to and Replacement of Utility Poles in Wetlands, to proceed to public comment. (May 2017)

- The Board unanimously authorized the renewal. (July 2017)

- **P2016-0182 – Estate of Genevieve Garrant** – Ariel Lynch presented a project in the Town of Fort Ann, Washington County involving a variance request for construction of a single family dwelling, garage and OSWTS on a lot having less than 125 feet of shoreline width on Hadlock Pond. The Board unanimously approved the project. (June 2017)
- **P2016-100 – Camp Majano, LLC** – Ariel Lynch presented a project in the Town of North Elba, Essex County involving a variance request to add two decks to the front of a pre-existing shoreline structure on Lake Placid resulting in an increase in non-compliance with the shoreline restrictions. Mr. Lussi recused himself. The Board unanimously approved the project as amended. (June 2017)
- **P2016-100A – Camp Majano, LLC** – The Board unanimously approved that the structural amendment to the variance to add caissons and tiebacks to support the two decks approved by the Order P2016-100 could be an amendment to the original variance and not considered a material change but that the decking should be a material change to the original variance in the Town of North Elba, Essex County. (July 2017)
- **P2017-150 – Camp Majano, LLC** – Ariel Lynch presented a project in the Town of North Elba, Essex County involving a variance request for the addition of one 12' x 12" deck to the front/lake side of a pre-existing shoreline structure resulting in an increase in non-compliance with the shoreline restrictions. The Board approved Delegation of Authority to



the Deputy Director voting ten for, one against (October 2017)

- **P2017-66-1 – Hamilton County** – Ariel Lynch presented a project in the Village of Speculator, Hamilton County involving the construction of a 65-foot-tall self-supporting lattice tower on the summit of East Mountain as part of Hamilton County’s public safety radio system. The Board unanimously approved the project. (August 2017)
- **P2017-66-2 – Hamilton County** - Ariel Lynch presented a project in the Town of Lake Pleasant, Hamilton County involving the construction of an 80-foot-tall self-supporting lattice tower adjacent to Hamilton County Municipal Buildings as part of Hamilton County’s public safety radio system. The Board unanimously approved the project. (August 2017)
- **P2017-32 – DeVecchio and Cale** – Tom Saehrig presented a project in the Town of Essex, Essex County involving the replacement of an existing rubble and rock retaining wall structure with a larger rock structure to protect the shoreline and prevent on-going and future erosion of the shoreline. The Board unanimously approved the project. (October 2017)
- **P2006-133AR2 – Anthony DePalma** – Virginia Yamrick presented a project in the Town of Johnsbury, Warren County, involving second renewal of permitting for construction of one new single-family dwelling involving greater than four lots created post 1973. Agency jurisdiction pursuant to Settlement Agreement E2005-56. The Board unanimously approved the project. (October 2017)

- **P2017-133 – Lyme Timber Company** – Aaron Ziemann presented a project in the Town of Webb, Herkimer County, involving a shelterwood overstory removal treatment on 264 acres of Lyme’s 26,000-acre Big Moose Tract. The Board unanimously approved the project. (October 2017)
- **P2007-320R2 – Saverio Ruffolo** – Patrick Connally presented a project in the Town of Bolton, Warren County, involving a second renewal of a permit authorizing 2 lots involving wetlands in an 8-lot residential subdivision. The Board unanimously approved the project. (November 2017)

## **STATE LAND**

- **Black River Wild Forest UMP Amendment**
  - Public Draft/For Information – Michael Marsh, DEC (February 2016)
- **Van Hoevenberg UMP Amendment**
  - Public Draft – Kris Alberga, DEC (August 2016)
  - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC. (August 2016)
- **2016-2017 Classification Package**
  - Presentation of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) without the Boreas Tract Alternatives and approval of the public hearing schedule. – Kathy Regan October 2016)
  - The Board unanimously accepted the DSEIS without the Boreas Tract Alternatives and public hearing

schedule and authorized staff to proceed to public comment. (October 2016)

- Presentation of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) of the Boreas Tract Alternatives with Mr. Ernst recused. – Kathy Regan (October 2016)
- The Board approved the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) of the Boreas Tract Alternatives with ten in support, one recused. (October 2016)
- Elements of the 2016/17 Classification Package With No Action By the Board. (February 2017)

- **Champlain Islands Complex**

- Public Draft/For Information – Dan Levy, DEC
- Proposed Final – Tom Martin, DEC
- The Board unanimously authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment. (November 2016)
- Final Draft – Kevin Prickett (February 2017)
- The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution on UMP Conformance with the SLMP. (February 2017)

- **Moose River Plains Wild Forest UMP Amendment**

- Proposed Final Public Draft – Jon DeSantis DEC (January 2017)
- The Board unanimously authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment for conformance with SLMP. (January 2017)
- The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution on UMP Conformance with the SLMP. (March 2017)

- **Overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act –**  
Presentation by Kevin Prickett. (January 2017)

- **Inclusive Outdoor Recreation** – Presentation by Carole Fraser, DEC. (January 2017)
- **Minimum Requirement Analysis (MRA)** - Presentation by Kevin Prickett and Tom Martin, DEC. (March 2017)
  - The Board unanimously authorized the MRA to proceed to public comment. (March 2017)
  - The Board unanimously approved the addition of MRA as an Appendix G to the MOU. (May 2017)
- **Piseco Lake Campground UMP**
  - Public Draft – Josh Houghton, DEC (May 2017)
  - The Board authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC with 9 voting for, 1 against. (May 2017)
  - The Board unanimously approved the Resolution on UMP conformance with the SLMP. (August 2017)
- **Caroga Lake Campground UMP**
  - Public Draft – Josh Houghton, DEC (May 2017)
  - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC. (May 2017)
  - The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution of UMP conformance with the SLMP. (July 2017)
- **Buck Pond Campground UMP**
  - Public Draft – Josh Houghton, DEC (May 2017)

- The Board unanimously authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC. (May 2017)
- The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution of UMP conformance with the SLMP. (July 2017)
- **Blue Mountain Wild Forest UMP Amendment**
  - Public Draft – Josh Clague, DEC (May 2017)
  - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP amendment to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC. (May 2017)
  - The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution of UMP conformance with the SLMP. (July 2017)
- **Siamese Ponds Wilderness and Jessup River Wild Forest UMP Amendments**
  - Public Draft – Kristin Seleen, DEC (May 2017)
  - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP amendments to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC. (May 2017)
  - The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution of UMP conformance with the SLMP. (July 2017)
- **Saranac Lake Wild Forest UMP**
  - Public Draft – Steve Gugliemli, DEC (June 2017)
- **Siting, Construction and Maintenance of Singletrack Bike Trails**
  - Public Draft – McCrea Burnham, DEC, Matt McNamara, APA (August 2017)

- The Board unanimously authorized the guidance to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC. (August 2017)
- **Hemlock Woolly Adelgid**
  - Presentation on Prospect Mt Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Lake George area – Current situation and response. – Ben Thomas, DEC (August 2017)
- **Bear Management**
  - Discussion on bear activity and DEC management.
  - Jim Stickles, DEC (August 2017)
- **Sentinel Range Wilderness UMP**
  - Public Draft – Steve Guglielmi, DEC (November 2017)
- **Primitive Tent Site Guidance –**
  - For Information – Walt Linck, Keith Rivers, DEC (October 2015)
  - Guidance Presentation – Kevin Prickett (December 2015)
  - The Board unanimously authorized the guidance to proceed to public comment. (December 2015)
  - Public Draft – McCrea Burnham, DEC and Kevin Prickett (November 2017)
  - The Board unanimously authorized the guidance to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC. (November 2017)

**Public Hearings on Matters  
That Came or Will Come Before the Agency in 2017**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location(s)</b>
Saranac Lake Resort, LLC	1/6/17	Saranac Lake
Brad Smith	3/20/17	Hopkinton
Estate of Genevieve Garrant	5/5/17	Fort Ann
Camp Majano/Lussi Variance	5/22/17	Essex
Town of Essex Map Amendment	5/23/17	Essex
Lands of Allen	6/29/17	Ticonderoga
Town of Crown Point Map Amendment	6/15/17	Crown Point
Gilman Allen	6/29/17	Ticonderoga
Susan Willette	7/27/17	St. Armand
DelVecchio/Cale	9/7/17	Essex
Town of Essex Map Amendment	9/7/17	Essex
Camp Majano/Lussi Variance	9/28/17	Ray Brook

## **Agency Meetings Held in 2017**

January 12-13\*

February 9-10\*

March 9

May 11-12\*

June 8-9

July 13\*

August 10

September 14

October 12\*

November 16

\*Reports Included