Draft Minutes
Public Awareness/State Land Committees
June 2012 Agency Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
PUBLIC AWARENESS & COMMUNICATION/STATE LAND COMMITTEES
June 14, 2012

The joint committee meeting was held at Agency headquarters in Ray Brook, New York beginning at approximately 9:30 am.

Committee members in attendance included: Agency Chairwoman Leilani Ulrich, Public Awareness Committee Chair William Valentino, State Land Committee Chair Richard Booth, Sherman Craig, William Thomas, Frank Mezzano, and Designees Jen McCormick Department of Economic Development, Dierdre Scozzafava, Department of State, and Robert Stegemann, Department of Environmental Conservation. Members Arthur Lussi and Cecil Wray joined the Committee. Also participating in the meeting was Executive Director Fred Monroe of the Local Government Review Board. Staff included Executive Director Terry Martino, Planning Director James Connolly, and Public Information Director Keith McKeever.

Approval of Draft Committee Minutes for May 2012

A motion was made by Member Mezzano and seconded by Member Craig to accept the draft committee minutes for May. All were in favor.

Panel Discussion: Development and Evolution of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan

Panelists included: Peter S. Paine, Jr., William H. Kissel, Neil F. Woodworth, Michael G. DiNunzio, Robert K. Davies (NYS DEC).

The above listed panelists discussed the origins as well as the evolution of the State Land Master Plan. Current and future management issues concerning the Forest Preserve were also reviewed. This is the first of a series of informational presentations that the Public Awareness and Communications Committee will organize to increase awareness of the importance of the Adirondack Park and to explain the functions and statutory responsibilities of the Agency.

The presentation is archived at http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2.

Member Lussi asked why it is necessary to have staff from the Department as well as the Agency review unit management plans. Peter Paine responded that the statute requires consultation between the two entities.

Designee Stegemann noted the importance of the conservation easement program to diversity of habitat as well as the forest products industry. In addition, the program has contributed to forest conservation, political, economic and social issues as it complements the forest preserve and land acquisition.

Fred Monroe, Executive Director of the Local Government Review Board asked if all bed and water bodies with private ownership were intended to be a part of the classification system. Peter Paine responded that bed and water bodies entirely in State ownership are and should be classified. The issue of private ownership on the shoreline and what the riparian rights are would go to the question of whether it should be classified Wild Forest, Primitive or Wilderness.

Discussion ensued as to the importance of periodic review of the SLMP to ensure that it adequately addresses current issues and threats facing the Forest Preserve. Such issues as invasive species and climate change are not addressed in the current document.

Old Business
None

New Business
None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.