

2010 Agency Board Highlights

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

- Tom Scozzafava, Supervisor, **Town of Moriah**, Essex County. (January 2010)
- John Frey, Supervisor, **Town of Inlet**, Hamilton County. (March 2010)
- Neil McGovern, Supervisor, **Town of Lake Pleasant**, Hamilton County. (April 2010)
- Sue Montgomery Corey, Supervisor, **Town of Minerva**, Essex County. (May 2010)
- Randy Preston, Supervisor, **Town of Wilmington**, Essex County. (July 2010)
- Frank McCoy, Supervisor, **Town of Lake George**, Warren County. (August 2010)

REGULATORY PROGRAMS

- 2009-175, City of Glens Falls – Approved **reconstruction of reservoir spillway in Lake Luzerne** (shoreline structure setback variance). (January 2010)
- 2009-173, T-Mobile Northeast – Approved **95 ft. cell tower** (90 ft. tall tower w/ 5 ft. lightning rod) in **Town of Lewis**, Essex County. (January 2010)
- 2009-276, New York RSA No. 2 Cellular Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless – Approved **129 ft. cell tower in Town of Keene**, Essex County, designed as simulated tree. (February 2010)

- 2009-256, Town of Lake Luzerne (Town of Lake Luzerne, Warren County) – Approved use of herbicide **Triclopyr (Renovate® OTF) to control Eurasian watermilfoil in Lake Luzerne.** (February 2010)
- 2009-36, Whiteface Overlook, LLC – Approved **Whiteface Overlook subdivision** on NYS Route 86 in Town of Wilmington, Essex County, involving highway CEA and conversion of preexisting resort hotel structure to multi-family residential use. (February 2010)
- 2008-20A, NYS Department of Transportation (Town of Edinburg, Saratoga County) – Approved an order and permit amendment for the **Batchellerville Bridge** project over the Great Sacandaga Lake. (March 2010)
- Staff update on **Adirondack Park bridges.** (March 2010)
- 2009-275II, NYS DOT, DEC, OPRHP, OGS – Approved **replacement of Lake Champlain bridge** connecting New York and Vermont (Town of Crown Point, Essex County). (April 2010)
- 2007-139, **Tall Timbers** at North Creek, LLC – Granted one-year extension of Order expiration deadline for this large-scale residential/commercial project in the town of North Creek. This was the **second extension of an Order expiration deadline** granted by the Agency. (April 2010)
- 2010-2, Erik and Cheri **Vandenberg** – Approved **variance to construct boardwalk** involving a class 2 wetland in Town of Webb, Herkimer County. (April 2010)
- 2009-204, David and Patricia **Hinkle** – Approved **variance for the addition of a deck with stairs** to a pre-existing single-family dwelling in a Low Intensity Use area in the Town of Webb (Big Moose Lake), Herkimer County. (May 2010)

- **General Permit 2010G-1** – Installation of New or Replacement Telecommunications Towers at Existing Agency Approved Sites – For Preliminary Advice and Possible Regulatory Notice. (May 2010)
- **Renewal of General Permits 2005G-2, 3, 4 and 5** – Agency approved the renewal of four general permits, which were initially approved by the Agency in 2005, involving: (1) minor projects not impacting wetlands, (2) replacement or installation of telecommunications antennas on existing towers or other tall structures, (3) hunting and fishing cabins greater than 500 square feet in a Resource Management area, and (4) subdivisions conveying two or more lots without principal building rights. (June 2010)
- **General Permit 2010G-3** – Agency authorized public notice for a proposed General Permit which would authorize a change in use for existing commercial, public/semi-public or industrial buildings. (June 2010)
- 2009-43, **International Paper** – Agency approved greater-than-25% expansion of an existing paper mill sludge landfill, involving wetlands, in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County. (July 2010)
- 98-27R3, **Westport Development Park, Inc.** – Agency authorized third permit renewal authorizing commercial/industrial uses and 5-lot subdivision involving wetlands. (August 2010)
- 2009-174, **YMCA (Camp Chingachgook)** – At the request of the project sponsor, Agency tabled action on a request for a shoreline structure setback variance to replace pre-existing one-story structure with two-story dock/deck/operations management structure involving dredging and wetlands, in Town of Fort Ann, Washington County. (August 2010)
- 2009-301, **Benson Mines, Inc.** – Agency approved temporary installation of 10-inch diameter, 164-foot-tall guyed mast to support weather monitoring instruments in Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County. (August 2010)

- 2007-26, **T. Kyle and DeAnn M. Walter** – Agency reconsidered and granted variance request for 3-foot-wide by 215-foot-long boardwalk and 8-foot by 8-foot dock involving wetlands in Town of Greig, Lewis County. Action followed the re-opening of adjudicatory hearing to gather supplemental information. (August 2010)

STATE LANDS

- Update on Revisions to the **Interagency Guidelines for Invasive Species Management on State Land**. (January 2010)
- **Jessup River Wild Forest** Unit Management Plan Amendment –
For information. (January 2010)
First reading. (May 2010)
Determined to be in conformance to the guidelines and criteria of the State Land Master Plan. (August 2010)
- **Jay Mountain Wilderness Area** Unit Management Plan –
For information. (February 2010)
First reading. (May 2010)
Determined to be in conformance to the guidelines and criteria of the State Land Master Plan. (June 2010)
- **Hurricane Mountain Primitive Area** Unit Management Plan –
For information. (February 2010)
First reading. (May 2010)
Determined to be in conformance to the guidelines and criteria of the State Land Master Plan. (June 2010)

- Presentation by Barbara Delaney and Russell Dunn on their new trail guide, "**Trails with Tales: History Hikes through the Adirondack Park and the Lake George, Lake Champlain and Mohawk Valley Regions.**" (March 2010)
- Approved APA-DEC Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Inter-agency Guidelines for Implementing Best Management Practices for the **Control of Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species on Forest Preserve Lands** in the Adirondack Park. (March 2010)
- Approved amendment to **Independence River Wild Forest UMP** involving the creation of a new 3-car parking area and relocation of existing trail to new parking area. (April 2010)
- Firewood Storage Facilities at DEC Campgrounds for Implementation of **New Firewood Rules** – For information. (April 2010)
- **2009/10 State land classification package** including area descriptions for 2005 and 2010 revisions of the State Land Master Plan –
 - First reading. (April 2010)
 - Approved. (May 2010)
- DEC Proposed **Park-wide Fire Tower Study** – For information. (February 2010)
- Preliminary Proposal for **fishing platform on Great Sacandaga Lake** at Northville boat launch site – For information. (July 2010)
- Alternatives Regarding the **Fire Towers in the St. Regis Canoe Area and the Hurricane Mountain Primitive Area** –
 - Agency staff evaluation/for information. (April 2010)
 - Authorized staff to initiate SEQR process and schedule public hearings on draft scoping document. (May 2010)

- **Moose River Plains Wild Forest Revised UMP** – Approved staff request for authorization to proceed to a public hearing process that will be conducted jointly with DEC regarding the Moose River Plains Intensive Use Camping Area and reclassification proposals. Informational presentation by DEC of the Moose River Plains UMP. (June 2010)
- **NYS Route 3 Travel Corridor Management Plan** – Presentation by Ed Frantz, DOT. (August 2010)

LOCAL PLANNING

- Approved **revisions to Town of Westport local land use program** addressing existing intensity and pre-existing development provisions and gift provision; guest cottages; self-storage facilities; industrial well water extraction; water bottling facilities; hunting and fishing camps; and accessory apartments. (January 2010)
- Approved **Town of Queensbury program amendment** involving the repeal and replacement of the existing Town Subdivision Law. (March 2010)
- Staff Presentation on **Retrieval System for Local Land Use Program Files and Information**. (March 2010)
- **Town of Hague Local Land Use Program Amendment** – Approved Town of Hague proposal to amend its local land use program to allow for expansion of a commercial zoning district. (June 2010)
- **Town of Bolton Local Land Use Program Amendment** – Approved Town of Bolton proposal to amend its local land use program to add ski center uses to a zoning district in the Town of Bolton. (June 2010)
- **Staff overview of local land use controls in the Park/ SEQRA/** Agency approval process for major changes to local land use programs. (June 2010)

PARK POLICY AND PLANNING

- Joint Planning/Economic Committee presentations: (January 2010)

Rob Riley and Joe Short of the Northern Forest Center on the **Sustainable Economy Initiative (SEI) and the Northern Border Commission**

John Bartow of the **Tug Hill Commission** on the Commission's work and its recent **survey research with local government leaders and landowners**

- **DEC/APA Draft Memorandum of Understanding concerning State-owned Conservation Easements on Private Lands within the Adirondack Park**

First reading/authorization to public comment. (June 2010)
Agency approved. (August 2010)

- **Map Amendment 2010-3** – Application of **D. Gough** in the Town of Westport, Essex County, to reclassify approximately 25 acres from Resource Management to Hamlet. Agency authorized public hearing. (June 2010)

- **Map Amendment 2010-1** – Application of the **Raquette River Boat Club, LLC**, in the Town of Tupper Lake, Franklin County, to reclassify approximately 2.5 acres of land from Resource Management to Hamlet.

Agency accepted DSEIS/authorized public hearing. (April 2010)
Agency discussion; no action taken. (July 2010)
Agency approved 3.7-acre alternative. (August 2010)

- **Map Amendment 2010-3** – Application of **North Country Partners, LP** in the Town of Harrietstown, Franklin County, to reclassify approximately 20 acres from Resource Management to Moderate Intensity Use. Agency authorized public hearing. (July 2010)
- **Champlain-Hudson Express Project** – Donald Jessome, President and CEO of Champlain-Hudson Power Express, Inc., presented overview of project to extend 300-mile, 2000-MW electric transmission line from Canada to NYC via Lake Champlain and Hudson River. Agency is statutory party to Article VII proceeding before PSC because the bed of Lake Champlain is within the Park. (August 2010)

LEGAL

- Agency "**Boathouse**" and "**Dock**" **Definitions** – Discussion of hearing record, public comment and State Administrative Procedure Act process. (March 2010)
- Agency approved a revised "**Dock**" **regulatory definition** to address elevated docks for purpose of winter storage. Revised definition requires a dock to remain parallel with the water surface unless the total structure does not exceed 100 sq. ft. A dock which is raised out of the water and remains horizontal and parallel to the water surface continues to be a dock for the duration of the winter. Continued discussion on a revised "Boathouse" regulatory definition with a proposed 15 ft. height limitation measured from top of dock, a 1200 sq. ft. maximum footprint, and either a flat roof or a pitched (at least 4 on 12) roof. Referred back to Legal Committee. (May 2010)
- Agency approved revision of its "**Boathouse**" **regulatory definition** by a 7 to 3 vote. Revised definition establishes a 1200 square foot size limit, continues to allow a flat roof as an alternative to a pitched roof, and recognizes Lake George Park Commission regulations. (June 2010)

- **Delegation of authority** to the Executive Director and Deputy Director of Regulatory Programs to approve certain modest **shoreline setback variances**.

Discussion of concept. (July 2010)

Further discussion – examples and related issues. (August 2010)

PARK ECOLOGY

- Presentation on "**Exurban Development: The State of our Knowledge**" by Drs. Michale Glennon and Heidi Kretser of the Wildlife Conservation Society Adirondack Communities and Conservation Program. (February 2010)
- Staff presentation on **Promoting Systematic Forest Management Environmental Compliance** – Discussion of sustainable forest certification programs, such as the Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI), the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and American Tree Farm System (ATFS), which require systematic compliance with environmental laws and regulations. (March 2010)
- Presentation by Al Hicks of NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Endangered Species Unit on critical wildlife issues such as **white-nose syndrome in bats, chronic wasting disease in deer** and the **decline of bog turtle populations**. (May 2010)
- Presentation by Sean Ross of **Lyme Timber Company** on **contemporary forest management practices and needs**; included overview of Lyme Timber's ownership objectives, forest certification, landscape-level diversity goals and silviculture used to achieve those goals. Also gave perspective on challenges and opportunities faced by private forestland owners in the Adirondacks. (July 2010)

ECONOMIC

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 - John Bartow of the **Tug Hill Commission** on the Commission's work and its recent **survey research with local government leaders and landowners**
- Presentation by Tim Tierney, Kingdom Trails Association (Northeast Kingdom, VT) on **economic development opportunities related to mountain biking.**" (February 2010)
- Presentation Hallie Bond, Curator of the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake, and Karen Meltzer, Administrative Director of the Brant Lake Camp, on the **historical and economic significance of children's camps in the Adirondacks.** (May 2010)

ENFORCEMENT

- Presentation by Agency staff (Sarah Reynolds, John Burth and Larry Phillips): "**Promoting Systematic Forest Management Environmental Compliance.**" (March 2010)
- Enforcement Committee approved Executive Director's **delegation of enforcement program responsibilities** to Enforcement Program Supervisor John Burth. (July 2010)

FULL AGENCY

- **2009 Year-End Report** by Executive Director and management staff. (February 2010)
- Presentation by Michael A. Shamma, Region 2 Director, NYS Department of Transportation, on **Adirondack Park Signage**. (February 2010)
- **Signature Delegation** – Delegation to John Quinn to sign permits. (March 2010)
- Recognized 40th year of **Earth Day** with a resolution. (April 2010)
- Recognized **five retirees** (Special Assistant for Economic Affairs Steve Erman, Associate Counsel Barbara Rottier, Environmental Program Specialist 3 John Quinn, Environmental Program Specialist 2 George "Skip" Outcalt, and Keyboard Specialist 1 Stephanie Summers. (May 2010)
- **Resolution 2010-9 – James T. Townsend** – The Agency unanimously adopted a resolution recognizing the contributions of former Agency Board Member Jim Townsend, who served on the Board from June 1999 to May 2010. (June 2010)
- **Signature Delegation** – Delegation to Colleen Parker and Tom Saehrig to sign permits and notices of completion and incompleteness in absence of Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs and Executive Director. (June 2010)
- Presentation by Andrew Labruzzo (NYS Department of State) and Lisa Nagle (Elan Planning, Design & Landscape Architecture) on **Town of Wilmington Local Waterfront Revitalization Program**. (July 2010)
- **2011 Agency Meeting Schedule** – Draft for review. (August 2010)