

2019 Agency Board Highlights

ADMINISTRATION

- **Executive Director Announcement of Counsel Appointment** – Christopher Cooper effective March 25 (February 2019)(May 2019)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Promotion** – John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 3 (February 2019)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment** – Christian Blue, Environmental Program Specialist 1 (February 2019)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Promotion** – Mary O’Dell, Biologist 2 (March 2019)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Retirement** – George Hare, Maintenance Supervisor (May 2019)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment** – Kelly McKean, Biologist 1 (May 2019)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment** – Robert Lore, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs, effective August 27, 2019 (June 2019)(September 2019)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Promotion** – Kyle Martin, Trade Generalist (June 2019)

- **Earth Day/ Arbor Day Tree Dedication** – Tree dedication in honor and remembrance of George Canon (June 2019)
- **Resolution** – Executive Director read a resolution saluting Karen Feldman, Acting Chair (June 2019)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Promotion** – Devan Korn, Environmental Program Specialist 2 (July 2019)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment** – Sam Boese, Assistant Engineer (September 2019)
- **Tour to SUNY Albany Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and Whiteface Observatory** – (September 2019)
- **Site Visit to Little Green Pond, Saranac Lakes Wild Forest** – (September 2019)
- **Biomass Facility Opening, Ray Brook State Office Complex** (November 2019)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment** – Michael Warner, Maintenance Assistant (December 2019)

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- **Birch Boys Chaga** – Garrett Kopp and Loretta Buerkle provided an overview of Tupper Lake-based business, Birch Boys Chaga (March 2019)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- **Local Government Day Conference, Lake Placid, NY**
(April 2019)
- **Town of Chester Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment** – Robyn Burgess presented the amendment request. The Board unanimously approved the resolution on Amendments to the Town of Chester Zoning Law with the condition that single-family dwellings and mobile homes be class B projects in Resource Management (September 2019)
- **Town of Indian Lake Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment** – Kate-Lyn Knight presented the amendment request. The Board unanimously approved the resolution (December 2019)

PARK ECOLOGY

- **Climate Change in the Adirondacks** – Presentation by Paul Smith’s professors, Drs. Evans, Sporn, and Stager, summarizing current scientific information on climatic changes in the Northeast and the Adirondacks. (February 2019)
- **Model for Protection – Lake George Road Salt Reduction Initiative** – Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper, gave a presentation on the reduced use of salt near Lake George (March 2019)
- **Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP)** – Brendan Quirion, Erin Vennie-Vollrath, and Zachary Simek

presented on 20 years of protecting the Adirondacks from invasive species (May 2019)

- **Citizen Science Program for Aquatic Invasives** – Leigh Walrath, APA and Erin Vennie-Vollrath, APIPP presented on the Aquatic Invasive Species Management Tracker Program they jointly developed (May 2019)
- **Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI)** – Dr. Eric Holmlund, Paul Smith’s College presented on Aquatic Invasive Species Pathway and Vectors (May 2019)
- **Youth as Catalysts for Community Climate Action-** Jen Kretser, Wild Center and Dazzle Ekbald, DEC, and town and student representatives presented on town initiatives toward the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification (June 2019)
- **Improving Habitat for Forest Birds** – Presentation by Suzanne Treyger, Forest Program Manager, Audubon NY, Cornell Lab of Ornithology (July 2019)
- **Overview of Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act** – Presentation by Mark Lowery, Assistant Director NYS DEC Office of Climate Change (October 2019)

PARK POLICY AND PLANNING

- **Renewable Energy Production, Supply and Conservation** – Presentation by Dr. Chad Dawson, Member (September 2018)

- The Board authorized the policy to proceed to public comment on the update (November 2018)
- Discussion of the Agency draft policy (December 2018)
- **Town of Westport/ Consolidated Mortgages, LLC Map Amendment** – Presentation by Matt Kendall (November 2018)
 - The Board unanimously authorized the map amendment proceed to public comment (November 2018)
 - Presentation by Rick Weber (July 2019)
 - The Board unanimously accepted the FSEIS and approved the Order with ministerial changes as needed (July 2019)
- **Adirondack Diversity Initiative (ADI)** – Presentation by Nicole Hylton-Patterson, Director, on the ADI strategies and goals (December 2019)

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **30th Anniversary of the Summit Steward Program** – Kayla White, Summit Steward Coordinator (May 2019)
- **SUNY Albany Atmospheric Sciences Research Center on Whiteface Mountain** – Paul Casson, Operations Manager; followed by a tour of the observatory on Whiteface Mountain and tour of the renovated mountain elevator (September 2019)

- **Protect Our Winters Climate Activism** – Maddie Phaneuf, Protect Our Winters and Protect Our Winters Riders Alliance (October 2019)
- **DEC Presentation on 2019 Smart Growth Grants** – Dylan Walrath, DEC (December 2019)

REGULATORY PROGRAMS

- **Delegation Authority** – Rick Weber reported on proposed delegation of signature amendment (February 2019)
 - The Board unanimously approved a delegation of authority to the Environmental Program Specialists 3 as described in the Executive Director’s February 21, 2019 memorandum entitled “Delegated Authority to Sign Permits, Notices of Completion and Incompletion.” (February 2019)
 - The Board authorized the proposed amendment to the Delegation Resolution (March 2019)
- **P2018-218, NYS DEC** – Ariel Lynch presented a request for permit amendment and variance involving trail enhancements at the Frontier Town Campground, Equestrian and Day Use Area: construction of stone pedestrian steps and timber foot bridge within 150 feet of the Schroon River and additional accessible trails and viewpoints in the Town of North Hudson, Essex County. The Board unanimously approved the amended project and granted the variance (February 2019)
- **P2007-11R3, David Nenni** – Trevor Fravor presented a project involving a third renewal of P2007-11 for

construction of a single-family dwelling on a lot created by a subdivision involving wetlands in the Town of Broadalbin, Fulton County. The Board unanimously approved the project (March 2019)

- **P2019-39, ORDA** – Tom Saehrig presented a project involving construction of a new four-cable zip line at the ORDA Olympic Jumping Complex and modifications to previously authorized improvements. The Board unanimously approved the project (May 2019)
- **Telecommunications Review and Permitting Presentation** – Ariel Lynch provided an overview of the Agency’s review and permitting of telecommunications projects, including cellular, radio, and emergency towers and antennas (May 2019)
- **P2019-14, Town of Mayfield** – Virginia Yamrick presented a project involving a two-lot subdivision involving wetlands and construction of a 150-foot-tall water tower. The Board unanimously approved the project (June 2019)
- **General Permit/ Order for the Replacement of Utility Poles** – John Burth presented (June 2019)
 - The Board unanimously authorized the General Permit to proceed to public comment (June 2019)
 - John Burth presented an overview of the GP and revisions made in response to public comment (September 2019)
- **Updates to Applications and Permitting Documents** – Minor Permit Application – Colleen Parker, Shaun Lalonde

Application and Permitting Documents – John Burth
New Agency Application for Commercial Solar Generation
Facilities – Colleen Parker, John Burth (June 2019)

- **P2019-77, McKavanagh Pond Club, Inc** – Aaron Ziemann presented a project involving a timber harvest on a 102-acre portion of a 9,808-acre property owned by McKavanagh Pond Club in the Town of Waverly, Franklin County. The Board unanimously approved the project (July 2019)
- **P2019-42, Summer Vibes, LLC** – Bart Haralson presented a project involving a variance request to expand a pre-existing single-family dwelling located within the shoreline setback of Upper Saranac Lake with a proposed addition of a 580-square-foot deck. The Board unanimously approved the project (July 2019)
- **P2019-59, Placid Gold, LLC** – Sarah Staab presented a project involving the conversion of an existing 200-seat restaurant to a tourist accommodation containing three living units, and expansion of the structure by 54-square-feet to the non-shoreline side. Mr. Lussi was recused. The Board approved the project (July 2019)
- **P2019-51, Wilt Industries, LLC** – Devan Korn presented a project involving a two-lot subdivision to create a 32.3-acre lot developed by an existing industrial use accessed from State Rt. 8 and a 4.4-acre vacant building lot with access from Longview Lane in the Town of Lake Pleasant, Hamilton County. Mr. Wilt was recused. The Board unanimously approved the project (September 2019)

- **P2019-123, Lyme Timber Company** – Aaron Ziemann presented a project involving a material amendment of Agency Permit 2017-0070 which authorized timber harvesting on a 450-acre project site in the Town of Westport, Essex County. The Board unanimously approved the project (September 2019)
- **General Permit/ Order for the Replacement of Utility Poles** – John Burth provided a review of public comments and draft Order for General Permit 2019G-1, “Replacement of Certain Utility Poles.” (September 2019)
- **P2019-23, John Looes** – Devan Korn presented a project involving a seven-lot subdivision to create six vacant building lots on one 162-acre lot containing existing residential development in the Town of Black Brook, Clinton County. The Board unanimously approved the project. Terry Martino was recused (October 2019)
- **Review of Agency Large-Scale Residential Subdivision Permits, 201-2019** – Presentation by Sarah Reynolds (November 2019)
- **P2019-104, Vertical Bridge Holdings, LLC** – Ariel Lynch presented a project involving the installation of a 90-ft-tall self-supporting monopole tower, concealed as a 95-ft-tall simulated tree in the Town of Elizabethtown, Essex County. The Board unanimously approved the project (December 2019)
- **P2019-196, Lyme Timber Company** – Aaron Ziemann presented a project involving a timber harvest on 643 acres of Lyme’s 14,379-acre Perkins Clearing Tract in the Towns

of Arietta and Lake Pleasant, Hamilton County. The Board unanimously approved the project (December 2019)

STATE LAND

- **Saranac Lakes Wild Forest UMP**

- Public Draft – Steve Guglielmi, DEC (June 2017)
- Proposed Final – Steve Guglielmi, DEC (June 2018)
- Unanimous Board authorization to proceed to public comment on APSLMP conformance (June 2018)
- Proposed Final – Kevin Prickett, APA (February 2019)
- The Board adopted the resolution on APSLMP conformance with 8 voting for; 1 against (February 2019)

- **Sentinel Range Wilderness UMP**

- Public Draft – Steve Guglielmi, DEC (November 2017)
- Proposed Final UMP – Steve Guglielmi, DEC (September 2019)
- The Board authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment on APSLMP conformance (September 2019)
- Proposed Final UMP – Walt Linck (November 2019)
- Board unanimously adopted the resolution on APSLMP conformance (November 2019)

- **Primitive Tent Site Guidance**

- For Information – Walt Linck, Keith Rivers, DEC (October 2015)

- Guidance Presentation Public Draft – Kevin Prickett (December 2015)
 - The Board unanimously authorized the guidance to proceed to public comment. (December 2015)
 - Guidance Presentation Public Draft – McCrea Burnham, DEC and Kevin Prickett (November 2017)
 - The Board unanimously authorized the guidance to proceed with simultaneous public comment with DEC (November 2017)
 - Guidance Presentation Public Draft – Matt McNamara and Peter Frank, DEC (June 2019)
 - The Board authorized the guidance to proceed to public comment (June 2019)
 - Proposed Final Guidance – Matt McNamara (September 2019)
 - The Board adopted the resolution on APSLMP conformance (September 2019)
- **Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) Involving Clarification of the Travel Corridors Classification Category Definition and Guidelines for Management and Use, and Amendment of Related Provisions**
 - Draft SEIS/ For Action - Kathy Regan (March 2018)
 - The Board unanimously accepted the DSEIS for the amendment and authorized it to proceed to public comment and public hearings (March 2018)
 - Proposed Final/ For Action – Kathy Regan (December 2018)
 - The Board unanimously adopted the resolution to accept the FSEIS and recommended APSLMP revisions to the Governor (December 2018)

- Governor's approval letter received June 21, 2019 (June 2019)

- **Travel Corridor UMP Generic**

- Proposed Final – Ed Frantz, DOT (July 2018)
- Unanimous Board authorization to proceed to public comment on APSLMP conformance (July 2018)
- Proposed Final – Rick Weber (May 2019)
- Unanimous Board adoption of resolution on APSLMP conformance (May 2019)

- **Hammond Pond Wild Forest UMP**

- Public Draft UMP – Corrie Magee, DEC (November 2018)
- Proposed Final – Corrie Magee, Dec (March 2019)
- The Board authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment on APSLMP conformance (March 2019)
- Proposed Final UMP – Walt Linck (May 2019)
- The Board unanimously adopted the resolution for APSLMP conformance (May 2019)

- **Blue Ridge Wilderness UMP Amendment**

- Public Draft UMP Amendment - Nick Addison, DEC (November 2018)

- **Ski Trail Guidance**

- Draft Guidance – Kevin Prickett, APA and Eric Kasza, DEC (December 2018)

- The Board authorized the guidance to proceed to public comment for APSLMP conformance (December 2018)
- **Blue Mountain Wild Forest UMP Amendment**
 - Public Draft – Josh Clague and Catherine McGlynn, DEC; Rick Weber, APA (October 2019)
 - Proposed Final UMP Amendment – Rick Weber (November 2019)
 - The Board unanimously adopted the resolution for APSLMP conformance (November 2019)
- **Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor UMP Amendment**
 - Public Draft/ Distributed by DEC – John Schmid, DEC (November 2019)

**Public Hearings on Matters
That Came or Will Come Before the Agency in 2019**

Subject	Date(s)	Location(s)
NYSDEC Frontier Town Campground	1/23/19	Town of North Hudson
Paul and Jennifer Burkard	2/11/19	Town of Clifton
Summer Vibes, LLC	6/24/19	Town of Santa Clara
Mark and Kathleen Rushton	12/23/19	Town of Webb

Agency Meetings Held in 2019

*Reports Included

February 14-15* (November, December)

March 14-15* (January, February)

May 16-17

June 13* (March, April, May)

July 11

September 12-13* (June, July, August)

October 10-11

November 14* (September, October)

December 12