



## Adirondack Park Agency

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**DRAFT MINUTES**  
State Land Committee  
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Agency Meeting  
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### State Land Committee March 19, 2020

The State Land Committee convened at 1:15 pm.

#### **State Land Committee Members Present:**

John Ernst – Committee Chair, Arthur Lussi, Dr. Chad Dawson, William Thomas and Robert Stegemann (DEC)

#### **Other Members and Designees Present:**

Bradley Austin (ESD) Presiding Member, Daniel Wilt and Lynne Mahoney (DOS)

#### **Local Government Review Board**

Gerald Delaney, Executive Director

#### **Agency Staff Present:**

Terry Martino, Christopher Cooper, Richard Weber, Walt Linck, and Mary Palmer

#### **Planning Division Report**

Mr. Weber said due to COVID-19 Virus and the impact it is having on the community the 2020 Local Government Day has been cancelled. Staff are currently working on reimbursements and we appreciate your patience. If there are any questions people can email staff at [localgovernment@apa.ny.gov](mailto:localgovernment@apa.ny.gov).

#### **Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor**

John Schmid (DEC) gave an overview of the proposed Final UMP Amendment. He noted that he will be giving the presentation due to the DOT being extremely busy with emergency situations related to the COVID-19. He added that the DOT are co-authors and had worked very hard on this document. Mr. Schmid thanked the APA Board and staff for what they have done to hold the Agency meeting.

Dr. Dawson said he was concerned that the UMP does not address the new Climate Change Legislation that was passed in January and for which DEC is the lead agency. He said with this being a transportation-based UMP, addressing climate change would be an appropriate consideration.

Mr. Schmid said it was addressed in the response to comments. Most of the comments that addressed climate change were concerned about snowmobile usage. He added that climate change was considered in the UMP. Mr. Schmid said it is hard to predict how much more snowmobile usage there will be in relation to existing usage. With the increase of non-motorized uses, and a potential decrease of train usage, the impact of Climate Change will be very hard to quantify. Staff will have to address this as the plan is implemented and changes in usage occur.

Mr. Ernst suggested organizing the Climate Change elements in the UMP and saying that we do not have all the answers yet. Staff should commit to looking at the effects of management on Climate Change and that usage will be monitored.

Mr. Lussi said there was a lengthy conversation about the use of the rail in the response to public comment. He said there could be an annual review showing what types of usage increases occurred and the impacts they had.

Mr. Delaney said Dr. Dawson brings up a valid point. He said approximately 33% of carbon release is in transportation and we need to find a way to address it.

Mr. Schmid asked if climate change considerations should be expected in all UMPs. Mr. Ernst answered affirmatively, adding that this is something the government is committed to. Mr. Schmid said he would take these suggestions back to the planning team to look into further.

Mr. Weber noted that this is the first reading for compliance with the State Land Master Plan. The comment period will run from March 20<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Comments may be sent by mail addressed to Richard Weber at the Agency, or by email to [SLMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov). This information will also be available on the Agency's website. The intent is to bring the final UMP back to the May Board meeting for action.

Mr. Weber said staff are asking the Board for authorization to proceed to Public Comment on conformance with the State Land Master Plan.

By motion of Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Thomas, proceeding to public comment was unanimously approved.

### **Adirondack Visitor Use Management**

Karyn Richards (DEC) and Richard Weber gave an update on the Visitor Use Management guidelines.

There were no questions.

Mr. Ernst thanked all staff for the hard work on this guidance document. He noted that the details in the workbook are not ready to be discussed at this time, but as noted, field staff will be testing it this summer.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

Mr. Ernst, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm.