

# 2015 Agency Board Highlights

## FULL AGENCY

- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment**  
– Patrick Connally, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
(January 2015)
- **2014 Annual Report** – Year in review by the Executive Director (February 2015)
- **Resolution** – Saluting Brian Grisi, Local Planning Assistance Specialist Retirement (April 2015)
- **Resolution** – In recognition of Earth Day (April 2015)
- **Resolution** - Saluting Greg Bendell, Environmental Engineer 2 Transfer (May 2015)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment**  
– Robyn Burgess, A.P. Local Planning Assistance Specialist  
(May 2015)
- **Earth Day/Arbor Day Tree Planting** – Tree planting in honor and remembrance of James and Kimberly Barney  
(May 2015)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment**  
– Alicia Purzycki, Environmental Engineer 2 (July 2015)

- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointment** – Kate-Lyn Knight, Environmental Program Specialist 1 (August 2015)
- **Community Spotlight** – Supervisor Fred Monroe presented on the Town of Chester. (November 2015)

## **ADMINISTRATION**

- **Delegation of Minor Variances** – Paul Van Cott presented an amendment of the Delegation Resolution to permit consideration of minor variances by the Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs. The amendment was unanimously approved. (February 2015)
- **Agency Database Conversion** – Bob Kreider presented on the Agency’s transition from the Master Action Database (MAD) program and record management system to a new program called Adirondack Park Agency Transaction Database System (ATRADS). (June 2015)

## **ECONOMIC**

- **Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Programs** – Presentation by Jamie Rogers and Jennifer Monroe on energy programs administered by the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA). (January 2015)
- **Specialty Wood Products, Inc.** – Presentation by Ollie Burgess on his business located in Bloomingdale, NY. (June 2015)

- **Tahawas, Ltd.** – Joe Hackett provided an overview of his guide service company located in Lake Placid. (November 2015)

## **ENFORCEMENT**

- John Burth led a Discussion of the processes used to investigate and resolve potential violations and common types of potential violations addressed by the Enforcement Program. (May 2015)

## **LEGAL AFFAIRS**

- **Emergency Authorization Regulations** – Jennifer McAleese of Agency staff presented draft emergency authorization regulations designed to provide the Agency with a regulatory tool authorizing emergency actions through an expedited review process.
  - The Board approved the Resolution and authorized the committee to move it forward for public hearing. (January 2015)
  - The Board unanimously approved the Regulation as amended. (May 2015)
- **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)

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- **Town of Arietta Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment** – The Amendment involves the complete repeal of the existing town zoning law and replacement with revised and updated local land use laws. The Board unanimously approved the amendment. (July 2015)
- **Town of Willsboro Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment** – The amendment involves the complete repeal of the existing town zoning law and replacement with revised and updated Local Land Use Laws. The Board unanimously approved the amendment. (September 2015)

## **PARK ECOLOGY COMMITTEE**

- **Adirondack Youth Climate Summit at the Wild Center** – Jen Kretser, Program Director of the Wild Center provided an overview of the Adirondack Youth Climate Summit. She was joined by student leaders and teachers. (February 2015)
- **Annual Update from APIPP Programs** – Brendan Quirion and Erin Vennie Vollrath, APIPP provided a summary of the 2014 terrestrial and aquatic invasive species management programs and an overview of APIPP's report entitled "The Actual and Potential Economic Impact of Invasive Species on the Adirondack Park: A Preliminary Assessment." (May 2015)
- **Eurasian Watermilfoil Management in Upper Saranac Lake** – Lake Manager Guy Middleton provided a historical overview of milfoil management in Upper Saranac Lake,

current status of the milfoil population, and challenges associated with managing aquatic invasive species in a large lake. (October 2015)

- **Review of EPA Grant Phase II Wetlands Project** – Steve Langdon presented on the Phase II of the EPA Grant entitled “Detecting Climate Change in Wetlands in the Adirondack Park.” (November 2015)

## **PARK POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- **Town of Moriah Map Amendment 2014-02** – Matt Kendall presented a map amendment to reclassify approximately 20 acres from Resource Management to Moderate Intensity Use.
  - The Agency unanimously accepted the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Town of Moriah map amendment. (January 2015)
- **Town of Wilmington Map Amendment 2014-03** – Matt Kendall presented a map amendment to reclassify three areas, totaling approximately 210 acres, from Rural Use and Low Intensity Use to Moderate Intensity Use.
  - The acceptance of DSEIS and authorization to proceed to Public Hearing were unanimously approved. (February 2015)
  - The acceptance of the FSEIS and staff recommendation was unanimously approved. (June 2015)
- **Town of Westport Map Amendment 2014-04** – Matt Kendall presented a map amendment request by a landowner to expand the Hamlet of Westport contingent

upon connecting the requested area to the municipal sewer system.

- The acceptance of the DSEIS and authorization to proceed to Public Hearing were unanimously approved. (May 2015)
- The acceptance of the FSEIS and staff recommendation was unanimously approved for a two-year window. The approval of the map amendment will follow upon the Agency's receipt of information regarding the connection to municipal sewer. (August 2015)

## **PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- **Presentation by Jim McKenna and Shaun Ondack on the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism.** (January 2015)
- **Wildlife Conservation Society** – Zoe Smith and Doug Haney presented on the 2015 Cycle Adirondack Event. (November 2015)
- **Clarkson University Student Presentation: The Adirondack Semester** – The students provided an overview of their Adirondack Hut-to-Hut Initiative. (December 2015)

## **REGULATORY PROGRAMS**

- **2014-0048 – Woodworth Lake Boyscout Camp Subdivision** - Ariel Lynch presented a permit proposal for a 29-lot subdivision of 1,119 acres to create 24 building lots

and 5 common lots. The permit was unanimously approved. (January 2015)

- **2014-0140 – Franklin County, Town of Ellenburg, Clinton County** - Ariel Lynch presented a permit proposal to replace an existing 200-foot-tall guyed lattice tower with a 180-foot-tall self-supporting lattice tower and installation of 10 new antennas on the tower. The permit was unanimously approved. (February 2015)
- **P2014-0222 – Lyme Timber Company** - Aaron Ziemann presented a permit proposal for a timber harvest on a 240 acre portion of Lyme's 6,161 acre Robinwood Tract. The permit was unanimously approved. (February 2015)
- **P2013-0252 –DMK Development/Tractor Supply** - Colleen Parker presented a permit proposal involving the construction of a 19,000 square foot commercial retail building. The permit was unanimously approved. (February 2015)
- **P2014-0039 – Raymond and Amy Butler** – Ariel Lynch presented a variance proposal involving the increase in height of an existing 19-foot-tall single family dwelling to 33 feet in height. Staffs' recommendation of denial of the variance was unanimously approved. (February 2015)
- **P2015-0028 – Lyme Adirondack Timberlands, LLC** - Aaron Ziemann presented a permit proposal involving a Lyme Adirondack Timberlands, LLC timber harvest on a 549 acre portion of the Colton-Piercefield tract. The permit was unanimously approved. (April 2015)

- **P2007-0011R2 – David Nenni** - Susan Parker presented a permit proposal involving a second renewal for construction of a single family dwelling and associated development on a 4.4 acre parcel of land containing wetlands. The second renewal was unanimously approved. (April 2015)
  
- **GP2015-G-1** – Leigh Walrath presented General Permit Rapid Response Management for Containment of Aquatic Invasive Species Using Benthic Barriers and Hand Harvesting Techniques.
  - The Board unanimously approved the authorization to receive Public Comment. (April 2015)
  - The Agency unanimously approved an order agreeing to the general permit. (June 2015)
  
- **GP2014-G-1A** – Mark Rooks presented General Permit Management of Terrestrial Invasive Plant Species in or within 100’ of Wetlands in the Adirondack Park.
  - The Board unanimously approved the authorization to receive Public Comment. (April 2015)
  - The Agency unanimously approved an order agreeing to the general permit. (June 2015)
  
- **P2014-0215 NYS DOT** – Review by Rick Weber of NYS DOT projects to replace seven bridges in Keene, Essex County with larger structures to accommodate water flows during storm events. Review of Tupper Lake road construction project. (April 2015)
  
- **P2014-0102 – NY RSA#2 Cellular d/b/a Verizon Wireless**
  - Virginia Yamrick presented a permit proposal involving a subdivision into sites and major public utility use involving

the lease of a 100-foot by 100-foot parcel for construction of a 102-foot tall telecommunications tower to be concealed as a simulated pine tree and the installation of a twelve panel antenna array. The permit was unanimously approved. (May 2015)

- **P2015-0055 – Sandra Richards** - Ariel Lynch presented a variance proposal involving construction of a detached garage located 104 feet from the mean high water mark of the West Branch of the AuSable River. The variance was unanimously approved. (June 2015)
- **P2015-0076 – MWF Adirondacks, LLC** Aaron Ziemann presented a permit proposal involving an overstory removal harvest of 459 acres to release a well-established understory of approximately 5000 stems/acre and enable the applicant to salvage value from a declining overstory. The permit was unanimously approved. (June 2015)
- **P2015-0045 – Village of Tupper Lake** – Ariel Lynch presented a permit proposal involving construction of a new 80.5 foot-tall self-supporting lattice tower for emergency communications immediately behind the Emergency Services Building and installation of 5 antennas on the tower. The permit was unanimously approved. (July 2015)
- **P78-318/78-146DR2 – Scott Daley** – Virginia Yamrick presented a permit proposal involving construction of one new single-family dwelling on a lot in a previously authorized 27 lot subdivision. The second renewal permit was unanimously approved. (July 2015)

- **P2015-00358 – Franklin County, Village of Saranac Lake, Essex County** – Ariel Lynch presented a permit proposal involving the replacement of an existing 152 foot-7 inch-tall guyed lattice telecommunications tower on Mt. Pisgah with a self-supporting lattice tower. The project was unanimously approved. (August 2015)
- **P2015-0082 –Lyme Adirondack Timberlands II, LLC** – Aaron Ziemann presented a permit involving a timber harvest on 212 acre portion of Lyme’s 14,379 acre Perkins Clearing Tract in the Town of Lake Pleasant. The harvest area is comprised of two cutting treatments. The project was unanimously approved. (August 2015)
- **P2015-0087 – The Heartwood Forestland Fund IV Limited Partnership** – Aaron Ziemann presented a permit involving a timber harvest on a 536 acre portion of Heartwood’s 8,209 acre John Brown Tract. The project was unanimously approved.(August 2015)
- **P2014-0101 – F.R. Smith & Son, Inc** – Tracy Darrah presented a permit involving a material amendment to Agency permit P87-342 to allow for a different commercial use structural footprint to 6,070 square feet, a second entrance drive, the outside storage of boats and the establishment of a boat washing area. The project was unanimously approved. (August 2015)
- **P2015-0072 – Bay Pond Condominiums** – Ed Snizek presented a permit involving the application of the pesticide Prenfish to remove non-native largemouth bass from Bay Pond. The project was unanimously approved. (September 2015)

- **GP 2015G-2** – Rick Weber presented a general permit Management of Aquatic Invasive Species Using Benthic Barriers and Hand Harvesting Techniques.
  - The Board unanimously approved the authorization to receive Public Comment. (September 2015)
  - The Board unanimously approved a resolution and order. (November 2015)
  
- **P2002-0123R3 – Ste. Claire and Audette** – Virginia Yamrick presented a third renewal of a minor permit for a two-lot subdivision into sites to construct two single-family dwellings. The project was unanimously approved. (September 2015)
  
- **P2015-0124-MWF Adirondack, LLC** – Aaron Ziemann presented a permit involving a shelterwood overstory removal harvest of 470 acres. The project was unanimously approved. (October 2015)
  
- **P2015-0130 – Lyme Timber Company** – Aaron Ziemann presented a permit involving timber harvesting on a 121 acre portion of Lyme Timber’s 3,360 acre Luzerne Tract. The project was unanimously approved. (October 2015)
  
- **P2015-0146 – Lyme Adirondack Timberlands II, LLC** - Aaron Ziemann presented a permit involving timber harvesting on 43 acres of timberlands within the 14,379 acre Perkins Clearing tract. The project was unanimously approved. (October 2015)
  
- **P2007-0187R2 – Poon and Ai** – Susan Parker presented a second renewal of a permit for construction of a single

family dwelling. The project was unanimously approved. (November 2015)

- **P2014-0181 – Michael Hopkins** – Suzanne McSherry presented a permit involving a subdivision of 181 acres into eleven lots, involving wetlands, and construction of ten single family dwellings. The project was unanimously approved. (December 2015)

## **STATE LAND**

- **Jessup River UMP Amendment –**
  - Proposed Final Public Draft, first reading - Jonathan Desantis, DEC (April 2015)
  - The Board unanimously approved authorization to proceed to Public Comment to determine SLMP compliance. (April 2015)
  - The Board unanimously adopted the Jessup UMP Resolution on Compliance with the SLMP. (May 2015)
- **Pepperbox UMP Amendment –**
  - DEC Public Draft, first reading - Matt Nowak, DEC (April 2015)
  - The Board unanimously approved authorization to proceed to Public Comment to determine SLMP compliance. (April 2015)
  - The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution on Compliance with the State Land Master Plan. (June 2015)

- **Alger Island UMP –**
  - Public Draft, for information only - Josh Houghton, DEC (April 2015)
  - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP to proceed to Public Comment. (May 2015)
  - The Board unanimously adopted the UMP Amendment Resolution on compliance with the SLMP (July 2015)
  
- **Meacham Lake Campground UMP Amendment –**
  - Proposed Final Public Draft - Nick McKay, DEC (May 2015)
  - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP Amendment to proceed to Public Comment. (May 2015)
  - The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution on Compliance with the State Land Master Plan. (June 2015)
  
- **Community Connector Trail Plan UMP (2005 Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest UMP, 1995 Lake Harris Public Campground UMP, 2000 Camp Santinoni Historic Area UMP) -**
  - Public Draft, for information only – Robert Ripp, DEC (June 2014)
  - Proposed Final Public Draft - Josh Clague, DEC (May 2015)
  - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP, omitting Section 5, to proceed to public comment with thirty days comment period. (May 2015)
  - The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution on compliance with the SLMP (July 2015)

- **Santanoni UMP –**
  - Public Draft, for Information - Chuck Vandrei, DEC (May 2015)
  - Proposed Final Public Draft – Chuck Vandrei, DEC (December 2015)
  - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP to proceed to Public Comment. (December 2015)
  
- **Interagency Guidelines for Implementing BMP's for Control of Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species on Forest Preserve Lands in the Adk Park -** The Agency unanimously approved the request for the Chairwoman to sign and forward to Commissioner Martens. (June 2015)
  
- **Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor UMP Amendment –**
  - Public Draft, for Information - Rob Davies, DEC (June 2015)
  - Final Draft – Rob Davies, DEC (November 2015)
  - The Board authorized the amendment to proceed to public comment. (November 2015)
  
- **Essex Chain Lakes Complex UMP –**
  - Public Draft, for Information Rob Davies, DEC (June 2015)
  - Final Public Draft Presentation Rob Davies, DEC (September 2015)
  - The Board authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment with 8 members in support, one against and one absent. (September 2015)

- The Board adopted the resolution on UMP compliance with the SLMP with 8 members in support, two against. (November 2015)
- **Lake Champlain Islands Complex UMP –**
  - Public Draft, for Information - Dan Levy, DEC (August 2015)
- **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)
- **Backcountry/Cross Country Ski Trail Guidance –**
  - For Information – Kevin Prickett and Eric Kasza, DEC (October 2015)
  - Guidance Presentation – Kevin Prickett (December 2015)
  - The Board unanimously authorized the guidance to proceed to public comment. (December 2015)
- **Whiteface UMP Amendment: Porcupine Lodge**
  - Public Draft (Josh Clague, DEC) (October 2015)
  - The Agency unanimously authorized the Whiteface UMP Amendment: Porcupine Lodge to proceed to public comment. (October 2015)
  - The Agency unanimously adopted the resolution on UMP compliance with the SLMP (November 2015)

- **State Land Master Plan Proposed Amendments –**
  - Presentation of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) – Kathy Regan (November 2015)
  - The vote was tabled until the December meeting (November 2015)
  - The Board unanimously approved the DSEIS Appendix 1 containing minor and technical changes, additional material, and as amended to remove the word "public" from roads. (December 2015)
  - The Board accepted the DSEIS and authorized the amendments to proceed to public comment with 7 members in support, two against. (December 2015)
  
- **Wilmington Wild Forest UMP Amendment**
  - Public Draft, For Information – Steve Guglielmi, DEC
  - (December 2015)

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

- **Town of Queensbury ALLUP Amendment –** Robyn Burgess presented an amendment involving revisions to program elements in the Town's zoning law regarding water extraction. The amendment was unanimously approved. (April 2015)
  
- **Overview of Local Government Day 2015 –** Robyn Burgess (May 2015)

**Public Hearings on Matters  
That Came or Will Come Before the Agency in 2015**

| <b>Subject</b>                   | <b>Date(s)</b>   | <b>Location(s)</b>  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Regulatory Revisions             | 3/4/15<br>3/5/15 | Ray Brook<br>Albany |
| Town of Wilmington Map Amendment | 5/6/15           | Wilmington          |
| Sandra Richards                  | 5/19/15          | Jay                 |
| Kailyn Realty II, LLC            | 6/22/15          | Ray Brook           |
| Town of Westport Map Amendment   | 6/25/15          | Westport            |
| Joan and William Mahoney         | 11/18/15         | Corinth             |

**Agency Meetings Held in 2015**

January 15, 2015  
 February 12-13, 2015  
 April 17, 2015  
 May 14-15, 2015  
 June 11-12, 2015  
 July 9, 2015  
 August 13, 2015  
 September 10, 2015  
 October 8, 2015  
 November 12-13, 2015  
 December 10, 2015