

Adirondack Park Agency

2016 Board Highlights

FULL AGENCY

- **2015 Annual Report** – Year in review by the Executive Director (February 2016)
- **2016 Earth Day/ Arbor Day Tree Planting** – Tree planting in honor and remembrance of Anne LaBastille followed by a presentation by Leslie Surprenant. (May 2016)
- **Resolution** – Saluting Mary Reardon, Secretary 1, transfer (May 2016)
- **APA 101: Jurisdictional Overview** – Sarah Reynolds provided a presentation to the Board. (July 2016)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Appointments** - Stephanie Petith, Secretary 1 (September 2016)
Kyle Martin, Laborer (September 2016)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Promotion/Transfer** – Bob Kreider, Information Technology Specialist 3, Sunmount Developmental Center (November 2016)
- **Executive Director Announcement of Staff Retirement** – Susan Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 1 (November 2016)

ADMINISTRATION

- **Ethics Training** – Ethics training for Board Members (May 2016)
- **New Board Member Orientation** – Orientation for Ms. Rice, Dr. Dawson, and Mr. Ernst (July 13, 2016)

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

- **Essex County Industrial Development Agency (IDA)** – Carol Calabrese and Jody Olcott gave a presentation on the IDA's Park-wide effort to attract and grow business. (June 2016)
- **Introduction to Retail Economics and Planning** – Dan Kelleher provided an overview of retail economics, recruitment and planning. (October 2016)
- **Champlain Area Trails (CATS) Presentation** – Chris Maron discussed the group's work to develop and maintain multiuse trails in the Champlain Valley. (November 2016)

LEGAL AFFAIRS

- **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)

- The Agency unanimously approved the Resolution to initialize formal rulemaking on revisions to the Agency's FOIL regulations. (February 2016)
- The Agency unanimously authorized staff to proceed to formal rulemaking on FOIL regulations amendments. (May 2016)
- Paul Van Cott presented SEQR regulations amendments for information. (June 2016)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

- **Overview of Local Government Day 2016** – Robyn Burgess (May 2016)
- **Town of Lake George Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment** – Robyn Burgess (July 2016)
 - The Board unanimously approved the amendment which addressed - Chapter 115 -Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems. (July 2016)
- **Town of Horicon Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment** – Robyn Burgess (September 2016)
 - The Board unanimously approved the amendment which addressed the complete rewrite of the Town of Horicon Zoning Law. (September 2016)
- **Town of Queensbury Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment** – Robyn Burgess (October 2016)
 - The Board unanimously approved the amendment which addressed Amended portions of its Zoning Law dealing with the new use “Interior Storage Facility” and

amend its sign regulations to allow for LED signs for the purposes of fuel pricing. (October 2016)

- **Town of Lake George Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment** – Robyn Burgess (November 2016)
 - The Board unanimously approved the amendment which addressed Chapter 147. Storm Sewer System Discharges, Activities and Connections and Chapter 148. Stormwater Management and Erosion & Sediment Control. (November 2016)

PARK ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

- **Adirondack Moose Research** – A presentation on the multi-year effort to study moose in the Park – Sharon Tabor, Dec (March 2015)
- **Wild Center Youth Climate Change Summit** - Jen Kretser, Director of Programs & the Youth Climate Initiative of the Wild Center will provide an overview of the Adirondack Youth Climate Summit held annually at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake and current regional, national and international initiatives including the UN COP 21 Climate talks and Paris accord. She was joined by student leaders and teachers. (May 2016)
- **Lake George Association (LGA)** – Walt Lender, Executive Director and Randy Rath, Project Manager, gave an overview of the LGA and how it functions. (June 2016)
- **Balsam & Hemlock Woolly Adelgids-Implications for the Adirondacks** – Dr. Whitmore provided information on the adelgids, including impact to Adirondack balsam and

hemlocks and the use of pesticides and biological controls.
(October 2016)

PARK POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

- **Town of St. Armand Map Amendment MA 2016-1 – Matt Kendall**
 - The Agency accepted the DSEIS for the Town of St. Armand map amendment and authorized staff to proceed to public comment with seven for and three voting against. (May 2016)
 - The Board unanimously denied the proposed Town of St. Armand map amendment. (July 2016)

- **Town of Minerva Map Amendment MA 2016-2 – Matt Kendall**
 - The Agency accepted the DSEIS for the Town of Minerva map amendment and authorized staff to proceed to public comment. (July 2016)
 - The Agency accepted the FSEIS with a vote of 10 for, one opposed. (September 2016)
 - The Agency approved the Town of Minerva map amendment with a vote of 10 for, one opposed. (September 2016)

- **Town of Crown Point Map Amendment MA 2016-3 – Matt Kendall**
 - The Agency accepted the DSEIS for the Town of Crown Point map amendment and authorized staff to proceed to public comment. (July 2016)

- The Agency unanimously accepted the FSEIS. (September 2016)
- The Agency unanimously approved the Town of Crown Point map amendment. (September 2016)
- **Town of Essex Map Amendment MA 2017-01 – Matt Kendall**
 - Matt Kendall provided background information regarding the Town’s plans for an upcoming map amendment. (September 2016)

REGULATORY PROGRAMS

- **2006-0228R2 – Angela Gannucci** – Virginia Yamrick presented a second renewal for construction of a single-family dwelling in a designated recreational rivers area and transfer to new owner. The Board unanimously approved the project. (February 2016)
- **2015-0195 – Town of Clifton** – Devan Korn presented a project involving construction of a 10’x30’ public/semi-public use building. The Board unanimously approved the project. (March 2016)
- **2012-0158 – New Cingular Wireless, PSC d/b/a/ AT&T** – Ariel Lynch presented a project involving an amendment to a permit for a cell tower located at the Crowne Plaza in North Elba, Essex County. The Board unanimously approved the amendment. (April 2016)
- **2008-60R2 – Robert & Sheila Delarm-Eckert** – Ariel Lynch presented a project involving a second renewal of

permit for construction of a new single family dwelling located in a Resource Management land use area and with 300 feet bordering NYS Route 30. The Board unanimously approved the renewal. (May 2016)

- **P2016-17 – Town of Warrensburg & Warrensburg Hydro Power, L.P. and Adirondack Hydro Development Corporation** – Rick Weber presented a project involving construction of a town park on the site of a pre-existing paper mill involving a project and variance. The Board unanimously approved the project as amended. (May 2016)
- **P2015-62 – Peter Day** – Virginia Yamrick presented a project involving a variance to add a lakeside covered deck and patio onto a pre-existing structure within the 50' setback. The Board unanimously approved the project. (June 2016)
- **P2015-96 – Upstate Cellular Network d/b/a Verizon Wireless** – Ariel Lynch presented a project involving a material change to P2055-318 to allow the current tower and antenna heights to remain and to install new panel antennas and remote radio heads on the existing 90-foot-tall guyed tower. The Board unanimously approved the project. Town of Webb, Herkimer County (June 2016)
- **P2016-46 – R.L. Valley, Inc.** – Ariel Lynch presented a project in Ray Brook, Essex County involving replacement of an existing convenience store/gas station and three existing residential cabins with a new convenience store/gas station, as well as expansion of the number of fuel pumps and parking spaces and installation of a new

on-site wastewater treatment system. The Board unanimously approved the project. (July 2016)

- **P2016-8 – Alice and Paul Schielke** – Susan Parker presented a project involving a variance request from the shoreline setback requirements for the expansion of a pre-existing single family dwelling located within 75 feet of the mean high water mark of Long Lake, Town of Long Lake, Hamilton County. The Board unanimously approved the project. (September 2016)
- **P2016-132 – Adirondack League Club** – Aaron Ziemann presented a project involving timber harvesting on a 115 acre portion of the Adk League Club's 37,000 acre property, consisting of the overstory removal phase of an established seed tree system, and a shelterwood establishment harvest on 25 acres. The Board unanimously approved the project. (September 2016)
- **P2016-48 – Saratoga County Emergency Services** – Virginia Yamrick presented a project involving the extension of an existing 90 foot tall monopole telecommunications tower to a maximum tower height of 105 feet. The Board unanimously approved the project. (October 2016)
- **P2015-204 – William, Cheryl and Kevin Davidow** – Tom Saehrig presented a project involving a variance request involving the demolition of the existing single family dwelling and replacing it with a single family dwelling partially within the 50 foot shoreline setback of Lake George, Town of Dresden, Washington County. The Board unanimously approved the project. (October 2016)

- **P2015-53 – LS Marina, LLC** – The Board unanimously denied the Appeal of Agency staffs’ August 2016 Request for Additional Information. (November 2016)
- **P2014-138 – Vertical Bridge LLC/New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC** – Virginia Yamrick presented a project involving a subdivision into sites by lease and a major public utility use involving authorization for the installation of two 85-foot telecommunications towers to be concealed as simulated pine trees in Putnam, Washington County. The Board unanimously approved the project. (November 2016)
- **P2016-81 – NYSPA and NYSDEC** – Colleen Parker presented a project involving construction of a Biomass District Heating system to service the Ray Brook State Office complex in North Elba, Essex County. The Board unanimously approved the project. (November 2016)
- **P2014-226- St. Lawrence Seaway RSA Cellular Partnership d/b/a Verizon** – Virginia Yamrick presented a project involving a subdivision into sites by lease and a major public utility use involving installation of a new 80-foot tall monopine tower to be concealed as a simulated pine tree in the Fine, St. Lawrence County. The Board unanimously approved the project. (November 2016)

STATE LAND

- **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)
 - The Board adopted the Resolution on UMP compliance with the SLMP. (February 2016)
- **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)
 - The Board adopted the Resolution on UMP amendment compliance with the SLMP, eight for, one against. (February 2016)
- **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)
 - The Board approved the Resolution to adopt the FSEIS as amended for the proposed SLMP

Amendments with eight in support, one against.
(March 2016)

- **Black River Wild Forest UMP Amendment**

- Public Draft/For Information – Michael Marsh, DEC
(February 2016)

- **Lake Durant Campground UMP**

- Public Draft/For Information – Josh Houghton, DEC
(March 2016)
- The Board authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment. (June 2016)
- The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution on UMP amendment compliance with the SLMP.
(August 2016)

- **Eighth Lake Campground UMP**

- Public Draft/For Information – Josh Houghton, DEC
(March 2016)
- The Board authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment. (June 2016)
- The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution on UMP amendment compliance with the SLMP.
(August 2016)

- **Limekiln Lake Campground UMP**

- Public Draft/For Information – Josh Houghton, DEC
(March 2016)
- The Board authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment. (June 2016)

- The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution on UMP amendment compliance with the SLMP. (August 2016)
- **Wilmington Wild Forest UMP Amendment**
 - Public Draft, For Information – Steve Guglielmi, DEC (December 2015)
 - Final Draft – Steve Guglielmie, DEC (May 2016)
 - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP Amendment to proceed to public comment. (May 2016)
 - The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution on UMP amendment compliance with the SLMP. (July 2016)
- **Hammond Pond Wild Forest UMP Amendment**
 - Public Draft, For Information – Tom Martin, DEC
 - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP Amendment to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC. (May 2016)
 - The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution on UMP conformance with the SLMP. (June 2016)
- **UMP Review Process: LEAN**
 - Presentation, For Information – Kathy Regan, Josh Clague, DEC. (May 2016)
- **Cranberry Lake Campground UMP**
 - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC. (June 2016)

- The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution on UMP amendment compliance with the SLMP. (August 2016)
- **Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest UMP Amendment**
 - Public Draft – Rob Ripp, DEC (July 2016)
 - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP amendment to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC. (July 2016)
 - The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution on conformance with the SLMP. (September 2016)
- **Horicon Boat Launch UMP**
 - Public Draft – Rob Ripp, DEC (July 2016)
 - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC. (July 2016)
 - The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution on conformance with the SLMP. (September 2016)
- **Van Hoesenberg UMP Amendment**
 - Public Draft – Kris Alberga, DEC (August 2016)
 - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC. (August 2016)
- **2016-2017 Classification Package**
 - Presentation of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) without the Boreas Tract Alternatives and approval of the public hearing schedule – Kathy Regan October 2016)

- The Board unanimously accepted the DSEIS without the Boreas Tract Alternatives and public hearing schedule and authorized staff to proceed to public comment. (October 2016)
 - Presentation of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) of the Boreas Tract Alternatives with Mr. Ernst recused – Kathy Regan (October 2016)
 - The Board approved the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) of the Boreas Tract Alternatives with ten in support, one recused. (October 2016)
- **Champlain Islands Complex**
 - Public Draft/For Information – Dan Levy, DEC
 - Proposed Final – Tom Martin, DEC
 - The Board unanimously authorized the UMP to proceed to public comment. (November 2016)

**Public Hearings on Matters
That Came or Will Come Before the Agency in 2016**

Subject	Date(s)	Location(s)
Terry Adkins	1/25/16	Inlet
Town of Warrensburg	4/19/16	Warrensburg
Peter Day	5/4/16	North Elba
Catherine McCann	6/15/16	Cranberry Lake
MA2016-01 Town of St.		

Armand	6/16/16	St. Armand
Davidow, William, Cheryl and Kevin	7/6/16	Dresden
MA2016-02 Town of Minerva	8/17/16	Minerva
MA2016-03 Town of Crown Point	8/17/16	Crown Point
Schielke, Alice and Paul	8/22/16	Long Lake
Rulemaking-FOIL	11/14/16 11/15/16	DEC Albany Ray Brook
Subject	Date	Location
SLMP Public Hearing	1/6/16	Ray Brook
SLMP Public Hearing	1/7/16	Newcomb
SLMP Public Hearing	1/13/16	Albany and Saratoga
Subject	Date	Location
2016/17 Classification Hearing	11/9/16	Ray Brook
2016/17 Classification Hearing	11/14/16	Northville
2016/17 Classification Hearing	11/16/16	Newcomb
2016/17 Classification Hearing	11/21/16	Schroon Lake

2016/17 Classification Hearing	11/28/16	Rochester
2016/17 Classification Hearing	11/29/16	Canton
2016/17 Classification Hearing	12/6/16	Tomkins Cove
2016/17 Classification Hearing	12/7/16	Albany

Agency Meetings Held in 2016

February 11, 2016

March 10-11, 2016

April 13, 2016 (Board session before Local Government Day)

May 12-13, 2016

June 9-10, 2016

July 14, 2016

August 12, 2016

September 15-16, 2016

October 13-14, 2016

November 9-10, 2016