



**MINUTES FOR THE STATE LAND COMMITTEE MEETING
February 13, 2014**

Committee members in attendance included Agency Chairwoman Leilani Ulrich, William Thomas, Sherman Craig, F. William Valentino Robert Stegemann Department of Environmental Conservation, and Committee Chair Richard Booth. Members Daniel Wilt, Karen Feldman, Arthur Lussi and Designees Deirdre Scozzafava Department of State and Bradley Austin, Department of Economic Development joined the Committee. Also participating in the meeting was Executive Director Fred Monroe of the Local Government Review Board. Staff included Executive Director Terry Martino, Counsel James Townsend and Senior Natural Resource Planner Kathy Regan.

The Committee meeting convened at approximately 1:00 p.m.

**St. Regis Mountain and Hurricane Mountain Historic Area UMPs
(Steve Guglielmi, NYS DEC)**

Committee Chair Richard Booth had Kathy Regan introduce guest speaker, Steve Guglielmi. Mr. Guglielmi is a forester with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Guglielmi presented information to the Board concerning the St. Regis Mountain and Hurricane Mountain Fire Tower Historic Area UMPs. Mr. Guglielmi stated that there have been no significant changes to the UMPs since the NYSDEC public comment period ended on November 15, 2013. He noted that there has been increased activity to the St. Regis Mountain fire tower since Saranac Lake announced its 6'er program. He further noted that DEC's original UMP proposal (2010) included removing both fire towers. However, after considerable public comment, the two fire towers were reclassified by the Agency as Historic Areas.

The Public Draft UMPs propose that the St. Regis Mountain fire tower will be maintained and accessible to the public. The Hurricane Mountain fire tower would also be opened to the public, and the cab will be used to house a radio repeater. The repeater is needed to expand DEC radio coverage in the back-country. The addition of the radio repeater will also include the addition of solar panels to the fire tower as a power source.

Chairwoman Ulrich asked about dedicated funds for the restoration of the fire towers. Mr. Guglielmi and Mr. Alberga, DEC Regional Forester, explained that there may be some money dedicated to fire towers in the State, but that they won't necessarily be used for these towers. The DEC anticipates donated monies, budgeted monies and volunteer efforts to be used for the restoration of these towers.

Committee Chair Richard Booth then introduced Kathy Regan, APA. Ms. Regan reminded the Board that they received all three memos in reference to the UMPs in their November Agency Meeting packet; however, each Commissioner has been provided copies of the UMPS again at this time. Ms. Regan the unique language in the State Land Master Plan that requires the Agency to hold a public hearing for Historic Area UMPs. She requested a motion to go to hearing on the St. Regis Mountain and Hurricane Mountain Historic Area UMPs.

Richard Booth stated that he would vote to go to hearing but believes that it is foolish to spend money for public access.

Motion to go to public hearing on March 12, 2014 at 6:00pm by William Thomas, seconded by Sherman Craig. All in favor. The Public Comment period will close on March 26, 2014.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45pm.