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Regulatory Programs Committee September 11, 2014 Agency Meeting; REW:mlr

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Committee Members present: Sherman Craig, Chair, Richard Booth, and Dede Scozzafava (Department of State), Art Lussi and Karen Feldman voting.

Other Agency Members and Designees present: Daniel Wilt, Robert Stegemann (Department of Environmental Conservation), Bradley Austin, (NYS Department of Economic Development), William Thomas.

Agency Staff present: Terry Martino, Executive Director and James Townsend, Counsel.

Local Government Review Board Representative: Fred Monroe, Executive Director

The Committee convened at 9:30 am.

1. Approval of August Draft Regulatory Programs Committee Minutes

Motion was mad by Member Mr. Lussi and seconded by Ms. Feldman to approve the August minutes. The Committee vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. Deputy Director (Regulatory Programs) Report (R. Weber)

Mr. Weber reviewed the monthly statistics of applications received and permits issued. He discussed projects from the High Profile Report and welcomed questions from the Board.

Mr. Weber discussed the slope failure on New York State Route 73 (Cascade Lake). Mr. Weber stated the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) wants to stabilize a 100-foot section of state Route 73 that is slowly slipping into Upper Cascade Lake. He said it is considered an emergency project from DOT's perspective at this time and something needs to be done immediately.

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Mr. Stegemann noted and Mr. Weber agreed that the discussion between DOT, APA and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is very good and that the agencies are working together closely and efficiently to review and repair the project.

A brief discussion ensued regarding possible alternatives that may help secure the area with a long term solution.

Mr. Weber highlighted several projects for the Board including the Lake Flower Hotel project in the Village of Saranac Lake.

(3) Update on Issued Variance (C. Parker)

Ms. Parker presented a power point presentation reviewing several variances issued since January 2009. She stated since January 2009 the Agency has issued 28 variances.

Ms. Parker answered questions from the Board pertaining to specific conditions of approved variances.

Mr. Booth commented that it was an excellent presentation and would like to see more before and after presentations of approved projects.

(4) Old Business: None

(5) New Business: None

Adjournment: The Regulatory Committee meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Note: The power point presentations referred to herein are on file at the Agency. Copies are also available for inspection on request and can be viewed at http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2 of this meeting: