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Draft Minutes
Park Ecology Committee
May 2015 Agency Meeting

MINUTES OF THE PARK ECOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING May 14, 2015

The Park Ecology Committee convened at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Park Ecology Committee Members Present

Arthur Lussi, Daniel Wilt, Bradley Austin, Robert Stegemann.

Other Members and Designees Present

Karen Feldman, Richard Booth, Sherman Craig, William Thomas, Dierdre Scozzafava, Lani Ulrich.

Local Government Review Board

Fred Monroe.

Agency Staff Present

Terry Martino, James Townsend, Ed Snizek.

Supervisor, Natural Resources Report

Mr. Snizek reviewed the report. He also acknowledged Greg Bendell for his years of service to the Agency. Greg, we would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thank you from the entire agency staff, especially from your colleagues in the RASS Division. Your professionalism, expertise, and guidance through permit review, jurisdictional and enforcement issues over the past ten years have been critical in protecting the Adirondack landscape. You have been a colleague, a valued staff member and more importantly, a friend to many of us. We wish you farewell and good luck in your new position. You will be missed.

<u>Annual Update from APIPP for Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species</u> <u>Management Programs</u>

Brendan Quirion provided an overview of the 2014 terrestrial invasive species management program and APPIP's report "The Actual and Potential Economic Impact of Invasive Species on the Adirondack Park: A Preliminary Assessment." Erin Vennie Vollrath provided an update on APIPP's 2014 aquatic invasive plant program. APPIP

staff reviewed the current threats to the Park as well as potential threats that are being monitored through APIPP's terrestrial and aquatic invasive species programs.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m.