



## **MINUTES OF THE PARK ECOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING June 10, 2016**

The Committee meeting convened at approximately 9:30 a.m.

### **Park Ecology Committee Members Present:**

Dan Wilt, Bradley Austin, Karyn Richards (DEC), and Acting Chair, Arthur Lussi.

### **Other Members and Designees Present:**

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

### **Local Government Review Board:**

Fred Monroe.

### **Agency Staff Present:**

Terry Martino, James Townsend, Ed Snizek, Shaun Lalonde, Mark Rooks, Kathy Reagan, Kate-Lyn Knight, John Barge, Emily Tyner, Keith McKeever, Annemarie Peer.

### **Approval of Draft Committee Minutes for May 2016**

A motion to approve the draft committee minutes was made by Dan Wilt and was seconded by Karen Feldman. All were in favor.

### **Park Ecology Report (Ed Snizek)**

Mr. Snizek gave updates of upcoming conferences including, Adirondack Forest Pest Summit and Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop, which will be part of NYS Invasive Species Awareness Week (ISAW). A link will be provided on the APA web site for various activities that will be held during ISAW. He also gave a brief description of a new management effort under way by the Town of Minerva and its use of Driver Assisted Suction Harvester for Minerva Lake. Since May they have harvested 18,000 lbs. of Eurasian water milfoil. Mr. Craig wanted to know what are the expectations for

next year or the year after in terms of knowing if the DASH unit was a good solution and cost effective for Minerva Lake. Mr. Snizek responded that the General Permit requires the Town to submit an annual report detailing location and quantity of milfoil harvested during the year.

Ms. Feldman asked about terrestrials, specifically forest pests such as hemlock and balsam woolly adelgid which continue to spread northward in New York State. She questioned how to let the public know about these and other invasives. Mr. Snizek responded that he has discussed forest pests with the Deputy Director of Planning and that the Agency needs to work with DEC officials and other partners to develop a plan for management of these invasive species on State land.

**Lake George Association (LGA) presentation (Walt Lender, Executive Director, Randy Rath, Project Manager)**

Mr. Lender gave an overview of the Lake George Association's (LGA) mission and projects explaining what and who the LGA is and their role in protecting Lake George. Their number one mission is to protect the water quality and educate the public for the future. LGA has been successful in the elimination of ash and human waste dumping, proper fish stocking and maintenance of navigational markers. He said the LGA fought for the creation of the Lake George Park Commission. More recently they have worked for the removal of milfoil, mandatory boat inspections and strong educational programs.

Mr. Lender also went over project examples they are working on including, sediment basin cleanouts, Mossy Point stormwater reduction, Beach Road porous pavement and emergency repairs associated with Tropical Storm Irene.

Mr. Rath reported on the watersheds that the LGA are dealing with including: Foster Brook, Hague Brook and Jenkins Brook, each damaged by such things as Tropical Storm Irene and flooding.

After a brief answer and question period, Mr. Lender and Mr. Rath were presented a certificate of appreciation from Ms. Ulrich and Mr. Lussi

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.