



Adirondack Park Agency

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DRAFT MINUTES
State Land Committee
March 14, 2019
Agency Meeting
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The State Land Committee convened at 2:30 pm.

State Land Committee Members Present:

John Ernst – Committee Chair, Chad Dawson, Arthur Lussi, William Thomas and Robert Stegemann (DEC)

Other Members and Designees Present:

Karen Feldman, Acting Chair, Daniel Wilt, Bradley Austin (ESD), and Matt Tebo (DOS)

Local Government Review Board

Gerald Delaney, Executive Director

Agency Staff Present:

Terry Martino, Executive Director, Sarah Reynolds, Acting Counsel, Richard Weber, Walt Linck and Mary Palmer.

Approval of February 2019 Draft Minutes

By motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the February minutes were unanimously approved.

Planning Division Report

Mr. Weber said he is excited to begin reporting to the Board as the Director of the Planning Division and commended Kathy Regan for her organizational talent with the Planning Report.

Mr. Weber said staff met with Town of Warrensburg Board members after they inquired about possible Hamlet expansion map amendments. Staff explained map classifications, subdivision jurisdiction, and the map amendment process, and were able to illustrate that the area likely would not meet the statutory criteria for Hamlet. The meeting was helpful to the Town as they were unaware of the amendment process and the existing building opportunities available under the current classifications. The Town is enthusiastic to continue discussing other potential map amendment opportunities.

Mr. Weber said work continues on wildlands monitoring and carrying capacity assessment with the DEC. Staff also continue to work on issues such as scenic vistas, ski trails, and primitive tent sites. He said an amendment to the 2006 Blue Ridge Wilderness will be coming to the Board soon as the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) moves forward with their plans to rebuild the bridge crossing the south inlet of Raquette Lake.

Mr. Weber said staff attended the 24th Annual Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Conference in Lake Placid. This conference has been a great opportunity for staff to meet with CEOs from throughout the Park to offer information and answer questions. This year staff met with approximately 94 attendees.

Mr. Weber noted that the Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference is scheduled for April 3rd and 4th, and the pre-registration deadline is March 20th. Staff are processing registrations and working to finalize all aspects of the event and will post agenda updates on our website.

Mr. Weber said the Geographic Information System (GIS) staff has dedicated significant time to updating a critical piece of mapping software for the Agency's Stereo Imagery Viewer, which has not been done since 2014. Wetlands staff use the equipment for plotting wetland boundaries which is key for the jurisdictional office, project review and enforcement programs.

Mr. Weber said Corrie Magee (DEC) will be presenting the Board with the Hammond Pond Proposed Final UMP and staff will be asking the Board's approval to proceed with public comment on Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) Conformance.

Hammond Pond WF UMP

Ms. Magee reviewed the UMP and any changes that were made following DEC's public comment.

Mr. Ernst asked if the information kiosks will be on both sides of Route 73. Mr. Weber said yes, but if the UMP study determines that the proposal is not complying with overuse capacity it will not be constructed.

Mr. Ernst asked if over the life of the plan that the lean-tos and campsites that are currently non-conforming will be brought into compliance. Ms. Magee answered affirmatively.

Mr. Ernst asked if Eagle Lake was reclassified as Intensive Use if the boat launch area would still be in non-compliance because it is smaller than 1,000 acres, and if it was reclassified would the Master Plan have to be changed. Mr. Weber said it would not be just a reclassification of the land to Intensive Use. We would still have to address the criteria of being a lake that is less than 1,000 acres for it to be in compliance. Mr. Weber said looking at the facilities list in the 1988 plan the area was identified inaccurately at

the time as a boat launch. Looking forward we know that we are on a park-wide assessment for monitoring and carrying capacity on water. Part of the result of that work is scheduled to be completed in two years, and at the end of that effort we may find that an amendment change to the Master Plan may be merited to deal with that in a more sensitive way.

Dr. Dawson said that having a carrying capacity guidance under development should be mentioned in the UMP. There are 53 lakes and ponds in this unit that need to be thought about regarding carrying capacity, and there are trails being put into areas that have not had trails before. Those are things that have to be acknowledged in development and is part of the deliberation moving forward in the phases.

Dr. Dawson said he liked what is in the plan related to wildlands monitoring. He said the plan is clearly written but the implementation is vague and needs more clarification. Phase I says to develop a plan and his concern is the mileage of hiking trails being added, and the number of new tent sites and parking areas. He pointed out these should be major areas to be looked at as a priority in the phasing plan in relation to monitoring.

Ms. Magee agreed, noting that she is not aware of the monitoring framework that is being developed. She said she wants to make sure that what is in the UMP is consistent with that.

Ms. Feldman noted that there will be opportunity to do that, but at this time we are only making the decision to proceed with public comment. The final UMP will come back to the Board with any changes made from the public comments. Mr. Ernst agreed.

Mr. Stegemann commended the work that has been put into this UMP. It has been done in a manner that satisfies all the UMP requirements. Mr. Ernst agreed, noting that this is not simple. With all the issues it has been done in a very positive way.

Mr. Ernst asked for a motion to proceed to public comment on APSLMP Conformance.

By motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Board unanimously approved proceeding to public comment.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Mr. Ernst, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.