



**DRAFT Minutes of the Regulatory Programs Committee Meeting
December 10, 2020**

The committee meeting convened at approximately 12:05 pm.

Regulatory Programs Committee Members Present

Chair Daniel Wilt, Arthur Lussi, John Ernst, Ken Lynch, and Matt Tebo (DOS)

Other Members and Designees Present

Bradley Austin (ESD), Joe Zalewski (DEC), Zoe Smith, Andrea Hogan, Mark Hall, Dr. Chad Dawson

Local Government Review Board Present

Gerald Delaney, Executive Director

Agency Staff Present

Terry Martino, Executive Director; Christopher Cooper, Counsel; Robert Lore, Deputy Director of Regulatory Programs; Kathy Regan, Supervisor, Natural Resource Analysis

Approval of Draft Committee Minutes for October 2020

A motion to approve the draft committee minutes was made by Mr. Ernst, and seconded by Mr. Lussi. All were in favor.

Regulatory Programs Report (Robert Lore)

Mr. Lore gave a short report regarding the increase in workload. He noted that during the October meeting, Mr. Austin had asked what the driving factor was behind the increase, and after going back and looking at permit application and pre-application numbers and comparing them to prior years, it is really difficult to say that there's a single factor that's related to the increase. Mr. Lore feels that in addition to what Executive Director Martino mentioned about the increase in house sales, our increase in workload may have also been affected by the resuming of site visits in June, which likely resulted in the submittal of more applications.

To characterize the variability that has existed this year, the Agency received a low of 15 applications in March, and a high of 55 applications in August. He noted that the year-end reports will give a better overall view of workload trends.

There were no projects to bring to the Board this month; all permits issued since the last meeting were approved at the Agency staff level. For the benefit of the new Board members, Mr. Lore explained what is covered under the "Delegated Authority", noting that the ability to use this authority and work with subject matter experts on our staff ensures that we can continue to balance our workload.

Mr. Lussi asked about the status of two submissions to the Agency in the Town of North Elba; the Cell Science Center and MacKenzie Overlook. Devan Korn stated that the MacKenzie Overlook submission has been deemed complete, and that the submission for the Cell Science Center was received on December 1st and is undergoing initial review.

Wetland General Permit Amendment – GP2014G-1B (Kathy Regan)

Ms. Regan gave the history of the process to date for the proposal to update the Wetland General Permit GP2014G-1A.

The video presentation is available at:

<https://nysapa.granicus.com/videos/549/player?autoplay=0&start=9369&stop=9980>

A motion to approve all related documents was made by Mr. Lussi and seconded by Mr. Ernst. All were in favor.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 12:20 pm.