



Adirondack Park Agency

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Draft Minutes of the State Land Committee May 14, 2021

State Land Committee Members Present:

John Ernst, Chair, Art Lussi, Mark Hall, Joe Zalewski (DEC)

Other Members and Designees Present:

Brad Austin, Zoe Smith, Matt Tebo, Andrea Hogan

Agency Staff Present:

Terry Martino, Executive Director; Chris Cooper, Counsel; Rick Weber, Deputy Director Planning; Walt Linck, EPS-2 Natural Resources and Kevin Prickett EPS-1 Natural Resources.

Approval of Draft Committee Minutes for April 16, 2021

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mark Hall and seconded by Art Lussi. All were in favor.

Division Committee Report (Rick Weber)

Rick Weber provided an overview of activities undertaken by Planning Division staff in the various aspects of their work over the last month including unit management planning and other state land work, ongoing map amendment discussions in three towns, the Local Government Services and GIS staff involvement in preparing the recent presentations regarding solar generation facilities in addition to their other day-to-day responsibilities. Mr. Weber also provided a few introductory remarks about the DEC/APA efforts to develop the Visitor Use and Wildlands Monitoring guidance.

Fish Creek Pond Campground UMP Amendment (Gail Sloane and Josh Houghton, DEC and Kevin Prickett, APA)

Gail Sloane provided an overview of the DEC's proposed plans for the Fish Creek Pond Campground UMP Amendment including the replacement of comfort stations and bathhouse, boat launch and roadway reconstruction, expansion of parking, shoreline stabilization and campsite restoration in the Intensive Use Area. Ms. Sloane reviewed the public comments received and the responses provided by the DEC during their public comment period between September 1 to October 2, 2020. Kevin Prickett requested approval to open a public comment period from May 15 to June 14, 2021 regarding the unit plan's conformance with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

The complete presentation is available at:

<https://nysapa.granicus.com/videos/565/player?autoplay=0&start=1030&stop=4860>

A motion for approval of a public comment period was made by Mark Hall and seconded by Art Lussi. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitor Use Management and Wildlands Monitoring (Josh Clague, DEC and Walt Linck and Kevin Prickett, APA)

Josh Clague, Walt Linck and Kevin Prickett provided a working draft guidance document and a presentation on the DEC and APA staff development of the Visitor Use Management and Wildlands Monitoring guidance. The presentation provided an update on the work and included its historical origins, the team planning approach including the involvement of Chad Dawson, the structure of the document and a process outline. The presentation also provided details on the importance of wildlands monitoring and the development of desired conditions, indicators and standards, the role of VUM and monitoring in adaptive management and the development of specific monitoring protocols for a range of facility and resource conditions encountered in state land planning. The team also outlined the next steps for the continued development of the guidance including their interest of seeking public input on its substance.

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Old Business

None

New Business

None