AGENDA

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
October 22, 2026

Agency Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2026 At 9:30 AM

https://tinyurl.com/APAOct2026Thu

Please note that the Agency has updated the way meetings are live streamed to the public, resulting in minor changes to the remote public comment process outlined below.

FULL AGENCY

9:30 AM to 10:00 AM*

1. Call to Order

2. Membership

3. Welcoming Remarks (Mark Hall, Chairperson)

4. Public Comment

Public Comment will be available to members of the public who attend the Agency meeting in person as well as those who attend remotely. If you would like the opportunity to speak remotely during public comment, please email your name, phone number, and the topic on which you will be comment to AgencyMeeting.PublicComment@apa.ny.gov prior to the meeting. Commenters will be limited to no more than three minutes each.

Please note that the Agency is transitioning the software used used to livestream Agency meetings from a Zoom webinar to a Streamyard livestream. As part of this change, the remote public comment process has been updated slightly. **Individuals giving public comment remotely will now be be emailed a guest access link with instructions for joining and providing comment during the meeting.**

The Agency encourages public comment that will assist us in improving our practices, procedures, and our responsibility to the public. However, to promote fundamental fairness, and in consideration of the substantial time available for written comment, the policy of the Agency is to exclude public comment on matters pending decision until the conclusion of Agency business. This includes: (1) any matter which is before the Agency for action at this meeting; (2) any enforcement case which is before the Agency; (3) any matter for which an adjudicatory public hearing has been convened. Conduct of the meeting is always at the discretion of the Chair or Committee Chair.

5. September 10, 2026, Draft Agency Minutes

6. Recusals

7. Motion for Executive Session

8. Executive Director's Report (Barbara Rice)

9. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Agency Chair may serve as a voting member of any of the committees.

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM*

Public Awareness and Communication
Chair: Benita Law-Diao, Rush Holt, Dan Wilt, Steve Hunt (ESD)

1. Communications Update (Mary Newman Fox, APA)

2. The First Adirondackers: 12,000 Years of Indigenous Peoples in the Adirondack Uplands (Curt Stager)

   For information: Dr. Curt Stager, professor of natural sciences at Paul Smith's College, will present on *The First Adirondackers*, coauthored with David Kanietakeron Fadden, an Akwesasne Mohawk artist, author and director of the Six Nations Iroquois Cultural Center. Drawing on scientific research, Indigenous oral history and cultural knowledge, their work challenges longstanding narratives about the Adirondacks and documents thousands of years of Indigenous presence in the region. The presentation follows Indigenous Peoples' Day and highlights the importance of recognizing Indigenous history as an essential part of Adirondack history.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM*

Local Government Services
Chair: Dan Wilt, Jose Almanzar, Zoë Smith, Matt Tebo (DOS)

1. Planning Report (Megan Phillips, APA)

2. Agency Approved Local Land Use Program (ALLUP) Variance Referral Process (Robyn Burgess, Kate-Lyn Knight, Amara Mitchell – APA)

   For information: Agency staff will provide an overview of the Agency's Approved Local Land Use Program (ALLUP) with a focus on the variance referral process as outlined in Section 808 of the APA Act.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM*
Break for lunch.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM*

Regulatory Programs
Chair: Dan Wilt, Art Lussi, Ken Lynch, Jose Almanzar

1. Regulatory Programs Report (John Burth, APA)

2. Homestead Development (Steve Sama, President, Homestead Development Corporation)

For information: Overview of how Homestead Development Corporation provides affordable workforce housing, including a report on the completion of the Fawn Valley Subdivision and a look into the plans for the new Fox Hill Subdivision in the Town of North Elba, Essex County.

Full Agency – 2:00 PM *

9. Committee Reports

- Public Awareness and Communication (Benita Law-Diao)
- Regulatory Programs (Dan Wilt)
- Local Government Services (Dan Wilt)

10. Local Government Review Board Report (Gerald Delaney, LGRB)

11. Member Comment

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

15. Executive Session (If necessary)

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