

Summary of Meeting #27-29
High Peaks Strategic Planning Group
Virtual Meetings - December

HPAG MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Jill Weiss, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Chris Morris, OPHRP Statewide Trails Program Planner
Joe Pete Wilson, Supervisor, Town of Keene
Rocci Acquire, Adirondack Council
Pete Nelson, Adirondack Wilderness Advocates
Charlie Wise, The Mountaineer
Seth Jones, Adirondack Mountain Club
Theresa Cheetham-Palen, Rock and River Guide Company
James McKenna, Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism
Shaun Gilliland, Chair, Essex County Board of Supervisors
Sandi Allen, Retired DEC Counsel
Pat Barnes, DOT Region 1 Director
Rick Weber, APA Deputy Director
Mike Pratt, ORDA CEO, (Alternates: Emma Lamy, Sustainability Officer and
Kris Cheney-Seymour, Nordic Program Manager)
Rob Davies, DEC Director of Division of Lands and Forests
Joseph Zalewski, Acting DEC Region 5 Director

HPAG DEC Staff Support

FACILITATOR: Mary Roy, Strategic Planning/Performance Management Office
Director
Karyn Richards, Special Assistant to the Commissioner
Erin Hanczyk, Public Participation Specialist
Laura DiBetta, Director of Outdoor Recreation
Peter Frank, Bureau Chief, Forest Preserve and Conservation Easements

Goals for Managing Public Use in the High Peaks Region

- *Ensure public safety within communities, along roadways, at trailheads, and in interior areas*
- *Protect natural resources and recreation infrastructure*
- *Provide a quality recreation experience*
- *Supporting local economic vitality*
- *Make decisions based on science using the best available data*

HPAG Charge

Undertake a collaborative process to provide a strategic framework to address public use in the High Peaks Region of the Adirondack Park which will:

- *Include short, medium and long-term recommendations (strategies, actions and tactics) to achieve the goals of the initiative*
- *Incorporate, expand, and/or modify recommendations made to date*
- *Identify additional data necessary to inform the HPAG recommendations*

- *Identify priorities for the implementation of recommendations*

HPAG Meetings – December 1, 10, & 18 2020

Meeting goals:

- Review updates and new content added to report sections
- Begin final review and edit of report
- Complete transmittal letter
- Finalize report

Achieved during meeting:

- Final report sections reviewed, led by drafters
- Review of transmittal letter
- Timeline updated for submittal of final report

NEXT Steps agreed to:

- Finalize and submit report to Commissioner - January 2021.