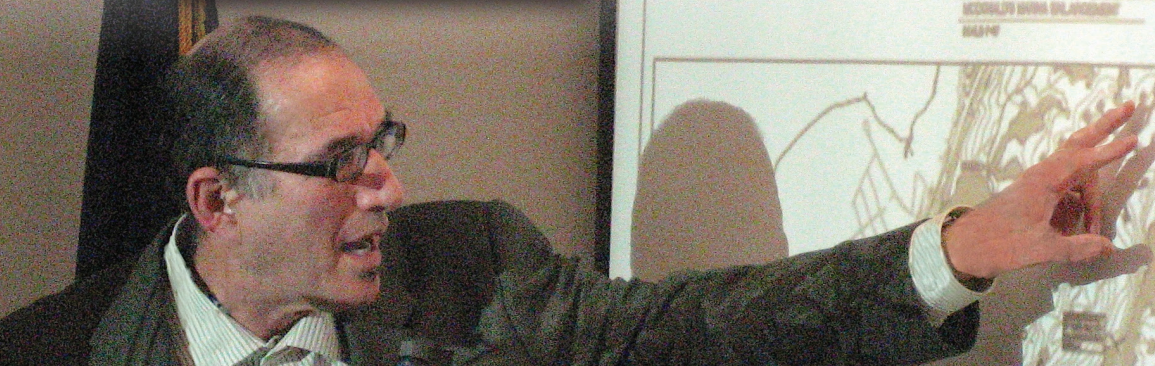




PUBLIC HEARINGS AT THE APA? PRACTICALLY UNHEARD OF!



The way it was done. Conservation biologist Michael Klemens testifies about subdivision's impacts at the last APA public hearing in 2011. Photo by Dave Gibson

The Issue:

Each year, the Adirondack Park Agency receives several large, complex development applications with a high degree of public interest that have great potential to threaten the Park's environment.

Once, it was routine for the APA to hold one or more public hearings each year to examine expert evidence in public that would help to inform the APA's deliberations and final decision.

The only way the APA can substantially modify or deny a project is after a public hearing. And the last public hearing APA held (Adirondack Club and Resort) was 11-years ago!

These recent complex, controversial developments all met legal criteria for an adjudicatory public hearing. None of them received a hearing:

- 2020: substantial marina expansion on Lower Saranac Lake
- 2021: 34-lot subdivision and new road through a forest above undeveloped Woodward Lake
- 2022: granite quarry with rock drilling, blasting, and crushing above a spring-fed White Lake
- 2022: herbicide treatment on Lake George to kill Eurasian watermilfoil

The Problem:

By refusing to hold hearings, the APA is ignoring its rules, regulations, precedent, and a concerned public.

What You Can Do:

Join Adirondack Wild. Phone, write, comment to the APA. Ask APA to resume public hearings for large, complex, controversial projects. Thank you for your help.

- Phone APA: 518-891-4050. Leave a message for the Executive Director;
- Write: Barbara Rice, Executive Director, APA, Box 99, Ray Brook NY 12977
- Email: Barbara.Rice@apa.ny.gov

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