

Catskill Advisory Group, Meeting #6

February 18, 2021

Attendees, DEC staff: Peter Frank, Mikaela Hameline, Sara Hart, Bill Rudge, Jeff Rider, Laura DiBetta, Josh Clague, Katie Petronis

Attendees, CAG members: Adam Bosch, Lisa Lyons, Adrienne Larys, Michelle Yost, Jeff Senterman, Markly Wilson, Cathy Pedler, Ramsay Adams, Melissa Abramson, Warren Hart,-Josh Ginsberg,-Matthew Shook, David Brooks

Welcome and introductions:

- Round robin introductions/ review agenda / review Ground Rules

Past Plans:

- Updated the list of recommendations to show what has been completed to date, mainly from the 1999 Access plan and UMPs.

Public survey review:

- Currently being translated to Spanish, as well as the Spanish write-up for social media.
- Will be live for three weeks

Leave No Trace coming to Catskill Park:

- Ben Lawhon of LNT will visit the Catskills in April for 3-4 days: organized by the Catskill Center, Catskill Mountain keeper and ADK.
- Similar project was done in the Adirondacks in 2020
- End product: recommendations for the Park
- LNT has experience with DEI as well as educating land managers and the public.

Sub-committees report out:

- Subcommittees share their charge and preliminary recommendations

Current Sub-committees:

1. Public survey
2. Past Catskill planning documents
3. Park management/ Treating the Park as a Park
4. Diversity
5. Natural resource protection – science subcommittee merged
6. Historic resource preservation
7. Educating the public
8. Traffic and parking
9. Tourism and economics
10. Digital infrastructure

11. Research other programs around the country

12. Kaaterskill Clove Working Group

WebEx survey of CAG members about extending our meetings to three hours

- No consensus, so for now meeting schedule stays as is

Action items:

- We are migrating to a new WebEx platform