

**Summary of Meeting #26**  
**High Peaks Strategic Planning Group**  
Virtual Meeting - November

**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 Hancyck, 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*

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, only one meeting was held in the month of November.

<b>HPAG Meeting – November 16, 2020</b>
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Meeting goals:

- Review draft sections of report
- Agree on review process and editor of final report

Achieved during meeting:

- Draft report sections reviewed, led by drafters, included Visitor Experience, Community and Overall Recommendations
- Agreed on a plan for reviewing and editing final report

NEXT Steps agreed to:

- Continue reviewing draft sections
- Determine flow and structure of final report