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DRAFT AGENCY MINUTES

OCTOBER 10-11, 2013

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman
Richard Booth, Member
Sherman Craig, Member
Karen Feldman, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
William Thomas, Member
F. William Valentino, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Brad Austin, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development
Lynne Mahoney, Designee, NYS Department of State
Robert Stegemann, Designee, NYS Department of Environmental
Conservation
Terry Martino, Executive Director
James Townsend, Counsel

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Frederick Monroe, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk
Kathy Regan, Senior Natural Resources Planner
Edward Snizek, Supervisor, Natural Resource Analysis
Paul Van Cott, Associate Attorney
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Shaun LaLonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist
Devan Korn, Environmental Program Specialist 1 Trainee
Walt Linck, Associate Natural Resources Planner
Daniel Kelleher, Special Assistant for Economic Affairs
Deborah Lester, Secretary to Executive Director

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Chairwoman Ulrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She welcomed Lynne Mahoney as the Department of State's designee in Ms. Scozzafava's absence. The Chairwoman noted Ms. Mahoney's involvement with the Local Government Day conference and other programs throughout the Park.

1. Public Comment

Dr. John Mills, President of Paul Smith's College, introduced his guests, Giacomo Berselli, Fausto Giovanelli, and Giuseppe Vignali, administrators for the National Park of the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines, created in May 2001. The Park, which lies between Europe and the Mediterranean Sea, is similar to the Adirondacks in terms of its mix of public and private lands. Paul Smith's College is working with the Park on a program to develop an eco-tourism development plan which would involve Paul Smith's College students visiting the Park over the next 2-3 years starting in May 2014. During their visit, the Italian guests have met with ROOST in Lake Placid to learn about the tourism coordination, and will meet in Keene Valley with the Adirondack Futures Project and then with DEC personnel on Friday.

Chairwoman Ulrich welcomed Dr. Mills and his guests from the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines.

2. Approval of September 12-13, 2013 Draft Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of September 12-13, 2013. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Executive Director's Report

Chairwoman Ulrich noted the day as another magnificent autumn day in the Adirondacks. She commented that on her drive up yesterday, she and her husband were entertained by planes flying overhead from Raquette Lake to Long Lake, bicyclists in Blue Mountain Lake, kayakers on Simond Pond, and several full trailhead parking lots. This fall has been a very busy time in the Park, with hospitality and recreation facilities filled to the brim, and trails and waterways packed. Even Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Martens were able to escape to the Adirondacks for a day last week.

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The Chairwoman then called attention to the meeting agenda which includes time to celebrate the Agency and its history. She noted her recent realization of how few individuals have served on the Agency Board in the last 40 years. She referred to the four panelists who she said have, in their own ways, guided the Agency and the Park in distinguished service, and said she was honored to be carrying on their work and looked forward to learning from their experience and perspective.

Executive Director Martino welcomed Dr. John Mills, President of Paul Smith's College, and his quests from Italy's Appennino Tosco Emiliano National Park, a place similar to the Adirondack Park in terms of the concept of people and place. Ms. Martino referred to the celebration of the $40^{\rm th}$ anniversary of the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan, describing it as a milestone in Adirondack Park history. The Public Awareness and Communications Committee will host the presentation, beginning with an overview of the Agency and its role by Agency Public Information Director Keith McKeever, followed by a stellar panel of speakers including Richard Persico, Andrew Halloran, Daniel Smith, and Richard Hoffman. A question-andanswer period, which will also be open to the public, will follow. The format will be similar to that used in July 2012 in the Agency's celebration of the State Land Master Plan. Together the two celebrations establish an important historic context to the Agency's mission in the protection of public and private lands.

Ms. Martino then recalled her own first visit to the Park, which occurred within a month of the passage of the Act, which led to decades of experience in a place with a protected landscape. The one feature of the Park that is so extraordinary is the private lands, whereas many people throughout the nation and world are accustomed to park settings consisting of public land. When outside the Park, the one sentence that is frequently part of a conversation about the Park is that it is a place where people own property, followed by descriptions of infrastructure, schools, health services and amenities, all of the things that are vitally necessary to community life in the 103 towns and villages in the Adirondack Park. The ownership of property and size of the Park are the truly unique aspects that are so interesting to outsiders and foreigners. The private ownership of land defines the Park as much as the public ownership of land constitutionally protected as forever wild.

The 40th anniversary panel discussion provides an opportunity to hear the perspective and highlights of what was envisioned forty years ago in the development of a regional land use plan and corresponding regulations, within the context of the conversation and protection of private land. The Agency is most appreciative of the speakers who will participate in the panel to provide that context and perspective.

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Ms. Martino also highlighted the following items of note:

• In the month since the last Agency meeting, the Chairwoman, Mr. Wilt and executive staff attended the Adirondack Explorer conference, "Strengthening the APA." The conference included an overview of the Agency's work by Agency Public Information Director Keith McKeever. Mr. McKeever will lead off this morning's 40th anniversary panel discussion with similar commentary. Speakers at the Explorer conference discussed a variety of topics including land use planning, water quality, and wildlife habitat, amongst other topics. One of the speakers, Julie Regan from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, was especially interesting in her discussion about how their work in environmental protection found common ground with economic development. Their theme is similar to the Common Ground Alliance work that has taken place in this region. During the conference, Mr. McKeever had an opportunity to respond to comments about the Agency not considering stormwater during project review. though the term itself does not come up in the Agency Regulations, the 37 development considerations in Section 805 of the Act include existing drainage and runoff patterns, erosion and In talking with the staff engineers, it is important to put in context that in the early part of the last decade, the Agency formally changed its permit applications to require information about stormwater management plans. This was done to coincide with DEC's new stormwater regulations. Agency staff conducts their own analysis in stormwater review and consideration of DEC standards if the site disturbance is greater than one acre in size. If the site disturbance is less than one acre, Agency staff still evaluates the project in relation to the development considerations that include erosion and runoff.

Chairwoman Ulrich added that in addition to Mr. McKeever's presentation at the beginning of the conference, the day ended with three former Agency chairs speaking as part of a panel and providing their perspectives. The Chairwoman said she was struck by the need for translators in the important dialogue on what is best for this place. She said she appreciated the conference and looked forward to reviewing the recommendations that are generated from it.

Mr. Wilt noted that Sections 572.6(1) and (2) of Agency Regulations mention stormwater/drainage. He also noted that when compared to a similar agency like the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, it was clearly pointed out that the Agency is severely underfunded and that hopefully the Governor will take that into consideration.

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Ms. Martino pointed out that the Tahoe Agency is able to secure funding from various levels of the federal and state government as well as other private sources.

- The Agency heard recently from the NYS Office of General Services that they have an open bid process for the former correctional facility, Camp Gabriels, and are accepting bids through October 28. Ms. Martino recalled that in December 2010 the Agency worked extensively with OGS and provided them with a thorough analysis of the principal buildings available on the site and how the Agency would consider a technical map amendment when the property is no longer in state ownership. Staff have also been available for questions that may arise by interested parties.
- Agency staff plan to attend the Forestry Roundtable to be hosted by the Adirondack Research Consortium on October 15. The session is designed to promote an understanding of current forest management practices and issues. The discussion will complement the Agency's work earlier this year with the forest industry stakeholder group, and will allow for more extensive study of the forest industry that some called for. The roundtable will also complement the meeting the Agency has planned for October 29 at which Agency Counsel will begin to work with the stakeholder group to address the regulatory framework that applies to silvicultural practices in the region.
- Agency staff continue to prepare the required analysis of the classification criteria, reviewing substantive public comment and the factual information that will be part of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Finch land classification. Staff are taking the time necessary to reach a recommendation that will be in the best interest of the Park. There will not be a scheduled presentation for the State Land Committee at this meeting.
- The Agency continues to be excited about the Governor's strong support of the Adirondack Park. There was great excitement in the region on October 1 with the opening of the interim access to the Essex Chain Lakes. Agency state land staff worked with DEC staff on the interim plan and all activities in the plan are compliant with proposed recommendations presently under consideration. There is no impact on the ongoing classification process.
- In the past month, staff have worked on the Agency website and provided the updates of the "Development in the Adirondack Park" (DAP) information that was presented to the Agency Board last month. The material can be located through the "Documents" link

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to "Guidelines and Methodology." Also available on the website are the Agency regulations updated with the recently adopted consensus rule.

• In Agency staffing news, Devan Korn has been appointed to the position of Environmental Program Specialist 1 Trainee. Mr. Korn joined the Agency staff on September 16. His prior experience includes work for the Towns of Potsdam and Fowler, and for the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. He has also had previous work experience on a trail crew for the Acadia National Park. Mr. Korn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Geography from SUNY New Paltz, where he was a member of the Exotic Plant Management Team at North Cascades National Park and worked in the field to identify invasive plant species for treatment and GPS mapping of exotic vegetation sites. The Agency looks forward to Mr. Korn's contributions to the State of New York and the Adirondack Park Agency.

4. Motion for Executive Session

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Agency unanimously voted to convene in executive session during lunch to discuss the Matter of Douglas.

5. Adjournment into Committees

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:30 a.m.

6. Report on Executive Session

On motion of Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency exited Executive Session. Counsel reported that action involving the <u>Matter of Douglas</u> had been taken by the Agency Board, but such action would not be disclosed as it related to litigation.

The full Agency reconvened at 4:22 p.m. to receive and act on the Regulatory Programs Committee recommendation related to Matter of Arbour and Sunset Farms.

7. Committee Report

(1) Regulatory Programs Committee

During this portion of the Agency meeting, attorneys for the Agency (Paul Van Cott), the applicant (Matthew Norfolk), and a neighbor (Michael Hill) were present.

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(a) Matter of Arbour and Sunset Farms, Ltd. (Project 2011-95)

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Agency unanimously denied the applicant's request to appeal the Notice of Complete Permit Application for Project 2011-95. It was noted that the project will be presented in a continued Regulatory Programs session on Friday.

8. Adjournment into Committees

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adjourned at 4:25 p.m., to reconvene in committees on Friday morning.

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Chairwoman Ulrich called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

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1. <u>Committee Reports</u>

a. Public Awareness and Communications Committee

Mr. Thomas reported the panel discussion on the development and evolution of the Private Land use and Development Plan was thorough with interesting views. He commended staff for the organization of the discussion and the selection of panelists.

Chairwoman Ulrich complimented the collegiality and mutual respect given the diverse opinions and disagreements of many years ago.

b. Regulatory Programs Committee

(1) 2011-103, Sheila White

The project involves the subdivision of approximately 59 acres into seven lots in an area classified Rural Use, in the Town of Putnam, Washington County. The project also involves shoreline on Lake George.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency approved the project by a 10 to 1 vote. Chairwoman Ulrich, Members Craig, Feldman, Lussi, Thomas, Valentino, Wilt, Designees Austin (DED), Mahoney (DOS), and Stegemann (DEC) voted in favor, and Mr. Booth voted against the motion. A copy of the permit as approved by the Agency is attached to the official Minutes on file at the Agency.

(2) 2013-140, Arthur and Mary George

The project involves a request for a shoreline structure setback variance to allow for the lateral expansion of an existing single family dwelling within the 150-foot shoreline setback of Franklin Falls Pond. The project site is located in an area classified Resource Management in the Town of Franklin, Franklin County.

Mr. Craig moved, and Ms. Feldman seconded, Agency approval of the project in accordance with the draft order granting the variance.

Prior to voting, Mr. Lussi inquired as to a change in language in the draft order. Mr. Booth noted that the language related to the applicants' lack of knowledge about the need for a variance was to have been deleted from the order.

Mr. Weber acknowledged the subject language would be struck from the permit.

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Chairwoman Ulrich called the question. The motion passed by a 10 to 1 vote. Chairwoman Ulrich, Members Booth, Craig, Feldman, Lussi, Thomas, Wilt, and Designees Austin (DED), Mahoney (DOS), and Stegemann (DEC) voted in favor, and Mr. Valentino voted against the motion. A copy of the order as approved by the Agency is attached to the official Minutes on file at the Agency.

(3) 2011-95, Daniel Arbour and Sunset Farms, Ltd.

The project involves a proposal to construct a new private airport with grass airstrip in an area classified Rural Use in the Town of Willsboro, Essex County.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency voted unanimously to hold a public hearing on the following two hearing issues:

- i. Whether the project meets all of the pertinent requirements and conditions of the Town of Willsboro's approval local land use program as required by Executive Law Section 809(9); and
- ii. Whether the potential adverse noise impacts on adjoining and nearby neighbors from take-offs and landings associated with the proposed airport use are undue.

c. Legal Affairs Committee

Mr. Lussi reported that the Committee received advisory flyers covering topics such as building height, boathouse size, and shoreline regulations, among other topics. Additionally, staff presented an initial draft emergency authorization regulation designed to provide the Agency with a regulatory tool authorizing emergency actions through an expedited review process.

d. Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Valentino noted an update by US Environmental Protection Agency contractor Steve Langdon on the first phase of the wetlands project, as well as staff presentation of a guidance document that provides general information to the community on the use of Renovate.

2. Interim Reports

The Administration, Economic Affairs, Enforcement, Local Government Services, Park Policy and Planning, and State Land committees did not meet this month. Monthly reports for some of these committees were included in the mailing.

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3. Local Government Review Board Comment

Local Government Review Board Executive Director Fred Monroe commended the panel discussion and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to hear the perspectives of those who were negotiating on the Rockefeller and Stafford sides. Mr. Monroe referred to the "Delay Bill," which would have delayed action on the proposal for a year, but which the Governor vetoed, and questioned what might have been if the Governor had granted the extra time. Mr. Monroe referred to Mr. Hoffman's comment on land use in Oregon, and pointed out that the Columbia River Gorge Commission in Oregon has half of their members appointed by local governments in that area. While the Commission might be analogous to the Agency in one way, it is not in terms of appointment of commissioners.

In response to the question of how the Review Board can be more helpful, Mr. Monroe referred to a series of meetings that were held between the Review Board and the Agency on changes to policy, procedures and regulations, and suggested resuming those meetings and focus on making progress in areas where there seems to be some common ground between the two agencies. For example, conformance of the variance criteria between Town Law and the Agency would provide clarity at the town and Agency levels. Also, lot counting is an issue for both local government and Agency staff in that it involves an extensive title search which currently goes back 40 years.

Mr. Monroe then commented on the process used by the Agency in the Arbour appeal. He referred to the court system, which allows for oral argument, and he suggested that the Agency's process would be improved by allowing 10 minutes at the beginning for oral argument followed by a 3-minute rebuttal.

4. Member Comment

Mr. Stegemann commended the $40^{\rm th}$ anniversary panel discussion. He acknowledged DEC staff for their hard work preparing for the opening day of the Essex Chain Lakes. He also noted good coordination between DEC and Agency staff with last-minute issues. He referred to the opening of Essex Chain Lakes as a great example of connecting the forest preserve to the community and starting things off on the right foot.

Ms. Feldman complimented the panel discussion and expressed particular appreciation for the intent in drafting of the regulations, as well as some of the negotiations, in that the intent gives the Board Members perspective in dealing with some of the issues today. She then referred to Agency-approved local land use programs and noted some reluctance among local governments in the

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Park to pursue approved programs. Some reasons cited were a feeling of reinventing the wheel, the lack of guidance, or too expensive.

Ms. Feldman suggested Agency staff might assist by providing some generic provisions which towns could modify for their needs. She then gave kudos to staff for their hard work towards producing a professional and comprehensive work product.

5. Motion for Executive Session

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Agency temporarily adjourned to Executive Session at 11:48 a.m. to discuss <u>Matter of Douglas</u>.

6. Report on Executive Session

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Agency exited Executive Session. Counsel reported that while in Executive Session, the Agency authorized settlement in the Douglas matter with no admission of liability.

The full Agency reconvened at 11:51 p.m.

7. Member Comment (Continued)

Mr. Austin said the meeting was both educational and entertaining and he complimented the dynamic panel discussion in particular. In regional news, Mr. Austin reported that the Wild Walk opened today at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake. He noted the North Country Regional Economic Development Council facilitated \$1 million in support from Empire State Development toward construction of the Wild Walk. Mr. Austin also noted the Governor's announcement last week of a \$400,000 loan program, the North Country Digital Film Conversion Fund, to assist theaters in the region to convert to digital. The program will be administered by the Development Authority of the North Country.

Mr. Thomas acknowledged Ms. Feldman's comments regarding Agency-approved local land use programs, and he also noted Mr. Monroe's thought that local communities will not pursue an approved program unless they are facing development pressures. Mr. Thomas suggested a presentation at a future meeting by Local Government Services staff with an overview of an approved local land use program and some possible options for communities that need to address their zoning and planning concerns. Mr. Thomas then commended the 40th anniversary panel discussion, as well as the panelists themselves, and the input of Commissioner Booth and Mr. Monroe to the discussion.

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Mr. Valentino referred to Mr. Stegemann's comments about the opening day of the Essex Chain, and noted that he led a group of 18 paddlers into the Essex Chain on that day, the first day it has been open to the public in 100 years. He complimented DEC staff on how they prepared the area. He also commended Ranger Jeffries for providing helpful directions and for providing a clear explanation of both the classification and the unit management planning processes. Valentino then referred to the recent announcement of a Rural Communities Broadband Roundtable on October 24 at The Wild Center in Tupper Lake. The roundtable is being co-sponsored by ADK Action, New York State Broadband, USDA Rural Development, and The Wild Center. He noted the importance of access to broadband in the economic future of the Park. Mr. Valentino then commented on the 40th anniversary panel discussion. He commended Andy Halloran for his forthrightness and openness, and at the same time disagreed with some of Mr. Halloran's comments, particularly with his assertion that the decrease in the Minerva school enrollment between the 1960's and the present is due to the APA. Mr. Valentino pointed out other possible mitigating circumstances during that time period, such as the mine closing in Newcomb which cost 360 jobs, the elimination of 80 percent of the logging industry due to mechanization, and the decrease in the live birth rate from 25.3 to 13.7 per thousand. Mr. Valentino acknowledged the importance of maintaining school enrollment, and also the importance of moving forward together by making decisions based on shared, objective information.

Mr. Lussi referred to a recent newspaper headline about the Agency being deficient on stormwater management. He disputed the allegations about deficiencies in the Agency's stormwater policy, and he recalled his own family's experience fourteen years ago while involved in the permit application process and his frustration over staff's review on issues like stormwater due to the costs associated with engineering, planning and mapping; and as recently as two years ago, again stormwater was an integral part of the permit process. Mr. Lussi further pointed out that while DEC might have a more formal process, Agency staff take the time to work with applicants to ensure that stormwater issues are addressed and incorporated into their permits. Mr. Lussi requested a presentation from staff at a future meeting to provide more examples of how Agency staff incorporates stormwater management into the review process.

Mr. Booth stated that the staff presentation on Renovate reminded him of the significance of the invasive species problem and that he continued to believe the state and the nation will have to reach a very different arrangement in dealing with invasive species. He commended the $40^{\rm th}$ anniversary panel discussion, and noted the

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substantial role of former staff and Agency Member William Kissel who accompanied Mr. Persico to Albany and turned it into a draft statute.

Mr. Wilt said the panel discussion on the history of the Agency shows that the public's perspective of the Agency has improved. He referred to the Adirondack Explorer conference on strengthening the APA, and applauded panelists James Frenette, John Collins and William Kissel, all of whom presented a great deal of history and good information.

Ms. Mahoney said she welcomed the opportunity to serve as the Department of State's designee this month. She said she was especially pleased to be present for the 40th anniversary panel, and expressed her appreciation for its informative and entertaining aspects, as well as the personal perspective. Ms. Mahoney also said she was impressed by the level of commitment and hard work that each member brings to the Board, which boded quite well for the future of the Adirondack Park.

Mr. Townsend commended the work of the legal staff at the Agency.

Ms. Martino expressed her appreciation to Messrs. Townsend and McKeever for organizing a stellar 40th anniversary panel. She also commended the panelists, whose remarks transported the audience back to rooms where negotiations took place that established such a milestone for the Park and the region. The dedication, the perseverance and the vision that they brought to the development of the Adirondack Park Agency is significant. Additionally, to have the public view the Agency as being predictable is another important milestone in 40 years. Ms. Martino then referred to the discussion regarding the sales web, and said she would schedule a presentation by enforcement supervisor John Burth at a future meeting to discuss the work that has been done in the enforcement program and how staff track subdivision activity. Ms. Martino also expressed her appreciation for staff's work on the emergency authorization regulation and the Renovate guidance document.

Chairwoman Ulrich added her kudos regarding the coordination of the panel discussion. She observed that the diverse perspectives presenting both sides of the conversation go to some of the complexities of the Agency's work. She also offered congratulations to Mr. McKeever on his completion of ten years of service with the Agency, and she commended his overview of the APA that he presented at the panel discussion and at the Adirondack Explorer conference on September 26. Adding to Mr. Valentino's comments regarding conditions that might have contributed to declining school enrollments since the 1960's, the Chairwoman noted that the second-

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home market boom that occurred in the western part of the Park and after the creation of the Agency, has been looked at as one of the major changes that occurred during that time. She then referred to the Adirondack Explorer conference where there was much discussion about citizen scientists and finding a way for them to work with towns and assist with their planning as they are looking at where to protect and where to grow. She also concurred with Mr. Monroe's comments about local governments and the Agency coming together. She recalled a comment by one of her predecessors who once said the people of the Adirondacks would rather fight than win, and she noted the progress that had been made since then. She quoted another predecessor who said the Adirondack Park Agency is the agency everybody loves to hate, and said that while she looked forward to making further progress in that area as well, the Agency is also a place where all sides are heard, all information is evaluated, and good decisions are made in the best interests of the resources of the Park.

8. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Valentino, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman