



Adirondack Park Agency

LEILANI CRAFTS ULRICH
Chairwoman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 10/20/15
TDM:sas 3:15 pm

October 8, 2015

Thursday, October 8, 2015

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
Dan Wilt, Member
Brad Austin, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development
Dierdre Scozzafava, Designee, NYS Department of State
Robert Stegemann, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Terry Martino, Executive Director
James Townsend, Counsel

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Amy Hall, Clerk 2
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
Kate-Lyn Knight, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Suzanne McSherry, Environmental Specialist 2
Rick Weber, Deputy Director Regulatory Programs
Mary Reardon, Secretary 1
Ed Snizek, Supervisor Natural Resource Analysis
Devon Korn, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Ariel Lynch, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Aaron Ziemann, A.P. Project Analyst, Forest Resources
Paul Van Cott, Associate Attorney
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

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http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

Chairwoman Ulrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She welcomed Mr. Lussi back. She thanked all candidates who are running for public office for their commitment to public service.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Approval of August 13 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2015 with amendments requested by Mr. Booth. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Recusals

None

4. Motion for Executive Session

None

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino commented on the historic "1,000-year flood" in South Carolina. She said people should expect more of these disasters due to climate change. She noted some of the Pope's comments regarding climate change and the United Nation conference on climate change upcoming in Paris. She said she had spoken to Stephanie Ratcliff who reported record attendance at the Wild Center this year due to the Wild Walk and also the Governor's I Love NY initiative which included advertisement of the Wild Center. She said that the Youth Climate Change Summit will be held on November 12 and 13 at the Wild Center. She reported that the Wild Center's Stephanie Ratcliff and Jen Kretser, along with a student leader, will be attending the UN climate change conference in Paris and she hopes they will present to the Board when they return.

Ms. Martino congratulated Basil Seggos on his nomination to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner. She said she looks forward to working with him in his new position and thanked him for his work as the Deputy Secretary for the Environment.

Ms. Martino reported that through the HEPA initiative, Dan Kelleher and Robyn Burgess are working with officials from Lake Pleasant and the Village of Speculator. She said the two communities developed a community revitalization plan in 2013 through NYS

DOS's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) and are seeking Agency assistance in implementing action items identified in the plan.

She updated the Board on the ongoing boiler project and thanked George Hare, Kyle Martin and Elaine Caldwell for their work.

Mr. Booth commented on the issue of flooding. He said that for the last half century, the government has subsidized development within flood zones. He said this is a policy that has to change.

Mr. Thomas asked what relationship the Great South Woods Project has with the Wilcox Lake Wild Forest UMP. He was told that UMP was part of the GSW Complex planning that was being developed by Agency, Department and SUNY ESF staff. Mr. Stegemann said there are multiple UMP areas within the complex.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

Full Agency

4:00 PM

Ms. Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 4:00 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved MWF Adirondack, LLC's project involving a shelterwood overstory removal harvest of 470 acres. (P2015-0142)

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved Lyme Timber Company's project involving a timber harvest on a 121 acre portion of Lyme Timber's 3,360 acre Luzerne Tract as amended. (P2015-0130)

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved Lyme Adirondack Timberlands II, LLC project involving a timber harvest on 43 acres of timberlands within the 14,379 acre Perkins Clearing Tract. (P2015-0146)

b) Legal Affairs Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously approved the reaffirmation of the Resolution to initialize formal rulemaking on revisions to Agency's SEQR and FOIL regulations.

c) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on the presentation by Guy Middleton, manager of the Upper Saranac Lake Foundation, on the successful Eurasian Watermillfoil management on Upper Saranac Lake.

d) State Land Committee

On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Agency unanimously authorized the Whiteface UMP Amendment: Porcupine Lodge to proceed to public comment.

2) Interim Reports

a) Local Government Service

On motion by Mr. Stegemann seconded by Ms. Scozzafava, the Committee unanimously approved the September 2015 Local Government Services Committee Minutes.

Ms. Ulrich stated that planning for the 2016 Local Government Day conference will begin next month.

The Administration, Economic Affairs, Enforcement, Park Policy and Planning, Public Awareness and Communication committees did not meet this month. Monthly reports were included in the mailing.

3) Old Business

None

4) New Business

None

5) Public Comment

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skier Association, addressed the Board regarding amendments to the State Land Master Plan and thanked Agency and Department staff for the Backcountry/Cross Country Ski Trail Guidance presentation. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

6) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe reported that the Local Government Review Board was pleased with the appointment of Basil Seggos as DEC Commissioner. He said the LGRB also supports the SLMP amendment request by the Adirondack Powder Skier Association. He said that Mr. Middleton's presentation reiterates the need for a permanent funding source to combat invasive species.

7) Member Comment

Mr. Booth congratulated Mr. Wilt for winning the primary for Town Supervisor for the Town of Lake Pleasant.

Mr. Lussi responded to Mr. Booth's comments regarding development in flood plains. He said that after tropical storm Irene, the government offered a buy-out option for properties damaged in the flooding, rather than having the properties re-built. He was encouraged that mountain biking is expanding in the Park. He said the issue of deteriorating infrastructure needs to be addressed.

Mr. Thomas thanked Kathy Regan for her presentation on the Great South Woods Complex Planning project.

Mr. Austin thanked Ms. Martino for her comments about the Division of Tourism's successful initiative in marketing the Wild Center.

Ms. Feldman thanked Aaron Ziemann and Kathy Regan for the great presentations and said she had learned a lot. She sent congratulations to Mr. Seggos on his appointment.

Mr. Stegemann also congratulated Mr. Seggos. He said he was very pleased with DEC's new generation of young foresters. He announced the opening of Spruce Mountain fire tower. He said the tower is another way to connect communities to the Forest Preserve. He said the event was attended by a diverse group with a common goal.

Counsel Townsend said that the Post Star reported that the Saratoga & North Creek Railway was abandoning its plan to store out-of-service oil tankers on Forest Preserve lands. He said the Agency, DEC, DOT, the Governor's office and various environmental groups worked together to prevent this.

Ms. Martino thanked Mr. Ziemann for his work on the forestry projects. She said the projects were a good example of how the Agency works with industry in a timely manner with inter-Agency cooperation and support.

Ms. Ulrich thanked staff for their continued hard work. She said she looks forward to working with Mr. Seggos as Commissioner and to her continued work with Marc Gerstman. She displayed an "Adirondack Republic" flag she had received. She then read a letter which explained that the flag was created to express pride in being a resident of the Adirondack Park. She said the meaning of the flag's colors were white for our winters; green for our forests; blue for the Blue Line boundary; and red and brown for our fall colors.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Attachments:

P2015-0124

P2015-0130

P2015-0146

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman