



Adirondack Park Agency

LEILANI CRAFTS ULRICH
Chairwoman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 3/2/16
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FEBRUARY 11, 2016

Thursday, February 11, 2016

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Arthur Lussi, Presiding Chair
Richard Booth, Member
Sherman Craig, Member
Karen Feldman, 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

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman

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
Laurie Bullis, Secretary 1
Elaine Caldwell, Administrative Officer
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant, Economic Affairs
Emily O'Mahony, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Ed Snizek, Supervisor Natural Resources Analysis
Doug Miller, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Kevin Prickett, Senior Natural Resources Planner

Mary Reardon, Secretary 1
Shaun Lalonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

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Presiding Chair Lussi called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Approval of December 2015 Agency Minutes

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2015 as amended 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 presented the *2015 Annual Report*. She thanked Keith McKeever and Dan Kelleher for their work on the report and presentation. She encouraged Board members to read the individual Division reports provided in their packets. Highlights from the report included: Agency management styles of Appreciative Inquiry (AI) and Management by Objectives (MBO); updated forms, applications and permits; regulatory reform in conjunction with DEC to better respond to emergency situations due to weather events; major projects involving all divisions; Mesonet Station projects within the Park to measure weather data; emergency communication tower projects; invasive species general permits; boat washing stations and MOU signed by 53 alliances throughout the Park; wetland trainings for staff; digital stereo air photo interpretation equipment; sustainable forestry, telecommunication projects; State land work; public outreach; Hamlet Economic Planning (HEPA); Agency website update to comply with State mandates; IT services projects; and staff transitions.

She thanked staff for the work that was undertaken both as routine Agency functions and as tasks above and beyond typical Agency work. The complete presentation can be viewed on the website address above.

Mr. Lussi invited Board members to provide recommendations for future work by the Board. He said he felt the Board should receive more education for the times when the agenda items called for a one-day meeting.

Ms. Feldman agreed that educational workshops would be helpful as a planning tool. She felt the Board would have a better perspective of the work the Agency does. She said Board members have a passion for this work and a passion for doing it right.

Mr. Booth questioned the SLMP amendment process and urged that amendments be fully deliberated by the Board in public. He said local government officials and environmental groups should be heard in the process. He said these issues need to be addressed immediately.

Mr. Craig said the Agency did collect information from stakeholder hearings. He said the Agency made promises about SLMP amendments and he would like these amendments to keep moving forward.

Mr. Monroe said that the Local Government Review Board would also like to see the SLMP amendments continued. He said the Progressive Environmental Impact Statement should not prohibit amendments. He also asked for broader planning on invasives. He said the Board and State should do everything possible to fight invasives from their source.

Mr. Booth said that he is hopeful that science will continue researching ways to combat invasives both nationally and internationally.

Mr. Stegemann reminded the Board of the extraordinary accomplishments happening now in the Park and the importance of looking at the gains that continue to be made.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 10:00 a.m.

4:00 PM

Full Agency

Mr. Lussi reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 4:00 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) State Lands Committee

On motion by Mr. Booth seconded by Mr. Craig, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution for the Santanoni Historic Area UMP compliance with the State Land Master Plan.

Mr. Booth called for a motion on the amended Resolution to the Remsen/Lake Placid Travel Corridor. On motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Craig the Agency adopted the amended Resolution for the Remsen/Lake Placid Travel Corridor UMP Amendment compliance with the State Land Master Plan with Mr. Lussi, Mr. Craig, Ms. Feldman, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wilt, Mr. Austin, Ms. Scozzafava, and Mr. Stegemann for, Mr. Booth opposed, Chairwoman Ulrich absent.

b) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously approved P2006-228RT2 involving Angela Gannucci's second renewal for construction of a single-family dwelling in a designated recreational rivers area.

c) Legal Affairs Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Ms. Scozzafava, the Agency unanimously approved the Resolution to initialize formal consensus rulemaking on revisions to the Agency's FOIL regulations.

2) Interim Reports

a) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

On motion by Mr. Austin seconded by Mr. Craig, the Committee unanimously approved the December 2015 Committee Minutes.

The Administration, Economic, Enforcement, Local Government Services, Park Ecology, and Park Policy and Planning committees did not meet this month. Monthly reports were included in the mailing.

3) Old Business

None

4) New Business

None

5) Public Comment

Pete Nelson thanked the Agency Board for doing the people's business. He said he will continue to write about Adirondack issues. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skiers Association addressed the requests for SLMP amendments for backcountry skiing. He thanked Agency and Department staff for their work on this issue. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

6) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe said he was pleased to see that the delegated authority to the Deputy Director of Regulatory Programs for Silvicultural projects was working well. He said he agreed with Mr. Booth that the SLMP should have been amended prior to approving the Remsen/Lake Placid Travel Corridor Amendment.

7) Member Comment

Mr. Stegemann acknowledged Department and Agency staff on their work. He said the Board should focus on the positive work it does and not get bogged down on the negative. He said the two agencies are making great progress.

Ms. Scozzafava discussed the Governor's budget and said it will be positive for the North Country. She announced that Secretary of State Cesar Perales stepped down and Rose Risato was named the new Secretary of State. She said Mr. Perales will continue to be involved in the downtown revitalization initiative.

Ms. Feldman said she was pleased with the meeting discussion and hoped that it will continue. She said the *2015 Annual Report* is an important reminder of all the work the Agency has accomplished in a year. She thanked all staff for their work.

Mr. Craig thanked Ms. Martino and staff for the Board Highlights, Division reports, the CD containing the Rules and Regulations and for the updated organizational chart. He said that SLMP amendments cannot wait for years and change must continue. He said the Rail-Trail could provide an opportunity for the Park.

Mr. Booth sent his regards to Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich. He acknowledged that the delegated authority to Mr. Weber is working for Silviculture projects. He commented on the Winter Carnival ice castle and commended the volunteers who make it happen year after year.

Mr. Austin said the *2015 Annual Report* was impressive. He said responses to the Request For Proposal issued by ESD for the Broadband Grant Program are due April 1, 2016. He announced that Mr. Perales would be serving on the ESD board.

Mr. Thomas said that he supports railroads and also cross country skiing. He thanked Steve Ovitt for his work on the area trail development. He talked about the activities and races at the Ski Bowl and said that the racers can be seen on the entire circuit.

Counsel Townsend spoke of his trip to Costa Rica and the pride that people take in their environment. He said that upon his return, he appreciated the assets that the North Country has.

Ms. Martino thanked staff for completing the annual review. She acknowledged Keith McKeever for his skill in putting together the *2015 Annual Report*. She said that the powerpoint slide on management was distributed to the Board. She said the benefit-finding approach worked for the Agency and that management and staff continue to build on that. She thanked Mr. Lussi for his role as Presiding Chair.

Mr. Lussi thanked Ms. Martino for the year-end review. He said DEC and DOT did a great job creating the Remsen/Lake Placid Travel Corridor plan. He said every issue that was brought up was addressed. He said that this project needs to move forward. He said the trail may be a precedent-setting project.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attachments:
P2006-228R2T

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman