



Adirondack Park Agency

LEILANI CRAFTS ULRICH
Chairwoman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, May 12, 2016

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
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
Kate-Lyn Knight, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2
Beth Phillips, Senior Attorney
Stephanie Petith, Office Assistant 1
John Barge, Mapping Technologist 3
Ed Snizek, Supervisor Natural Resource Analysis
Shaun Lalonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist
Rick Weber, Director, Regulatory Programs
Suzanne McSherry, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Ariel Lynch, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

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Chairwoman Ulrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Public Comment

Susan Allen addressed the Board about the Agency's lack of written policy regarding mediation. She said she had addressed the issue back in January of 2008 and would like to see the Agency develop a written mediation policy to ensure transparency. Her complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Bill Farber, on behalf of the Association of Adirondack Towns and Villages (AATV), thanked everyone involved in the 2016 Local Government Day Conference. He gave special recognition to Robyn Burgess for another extraordinarily successful conference. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

2. Approval of March and April 2016 Agency Minutes

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of March 10-11 as corrected by Mr. Wilt. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, The Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2016. Mr. Lussi recused himself from the vote. 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 reported that she and Kathy Regan attended Governor Cuomo's announcement of the State's acquisition of the Boreas Ponds Tract held at the Elk Lake Lodge in North Hudson. She said that at the event, the Governor signed a letter to Chairwoman Ulrich stating that classification of the tract should commence immediately. She said that Ms. Regan has developed a schedule for Agency and Department staff for this classification.

Ms. Martino thanked all the partners involved in the Local Government Day Conference: Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, Empire State Development, NYS Department of State and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. She also thanked the conference sponsors. She reported that Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul was the keynote speaker. She applauded Robyn Burgess and Kate-Lyn Knight for their work organizing the event. She commented on the recognition of Fred Monroe during the lunch.

Ms. Martino displayed the Earth Day poster created by John Barge. She said Mr. Barge was inspired to create the poster by the passionate deliberations of Agency Board Members at recent meetings. Mr. Barge explained how he designed the poster and encouraged people to read the opening words of the Act, Regulations, and SLMP for inspiration.

She reported that the Arbor/Earth Day tree planting would take place before in the arboretum in remembrance of Anne LaBastille who served on the Board from 1975-1993. She said a presentation by Leslie Surprenant would follow lunch. She thanked George Hare and Kyle Martin for the great job they did preparing the grounds and the tree for the event.

She passed around a book titled *Adirondack Archangels* published by the Adirondack Mountain Club. She reported that both she and Ms. Regan had contributed articles to the book. She said the book was published in honor of Dr. Edwin Ketchledge.

Ms. Martino announced the resignation of Mary Reardon, Secretary 1, Regulatory Programs. She said Ms. Reardon is transferring to the Department of Health. On behalf of the Agency, she wished Ms. Reardon well in her new endeavors. A resolution saluting Ms. Reardon was presented to the Board. By consensus, the Board adopted the resolution.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

7. New York State Ethics Training

The Board members adjourned for training for the remainder of the day. This was not a public session.

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Matt Kendall, Associate Natural Resources Planner
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

Full Agency

Ms. Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 11:50 a.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) **Regulatory Programs Committee**

On motion by Mr. Craig seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved P2008-60R2 involving a second renewal of a permit for construction of a new single family dwelling located in a Resource Management land use area and within 300 feet of NYS Route 30.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved P2016-17 as amended. The project involves construction of a town park on the site of a pre-existing paper mill.

b) State Land Committee

On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously authorized the Wilmington Wild Forest UMP Amendment to Proceed to public comment.

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Ms. Ulrich stated that the March Committee minutes were tabled until the June meeting.

c) Legal Affairs Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously authorized staff to proceed to formal rulemaking on FOIL regulations amendments.

d) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on the Wild Center's Youth Climate Change Summit. He said the group should be invited to present at the 2017 Local Government Day Conference.

e) Local Government Services Committee

Mr. Wilt reported on the presentation by Ms. Burgess on the 2016 Local Government Day Conference held on April 13-14.

f) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency accepted the DSEIS for the Town of St. Armand map amendment and authorized staff to proceed to public comment with Ms. Ulrich, Mr. Craig, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wilt, Mr. Austin, Mr. Stegemann, and Ms. Scozzafava voting for and Mr. Booth, Ms. Feldman and Mr. Lussi voting against. (MA2016-1)

2) Interim Reports

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

4) Old Business

None

5) New Business

None

6) Public Comment

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skiers Association, thanked The Nature Conservancy and the Governor for protecting large tracts of land in the Adirondacks. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

7) Local Government Review Board Comment

Fred Monroe was absent and excused for the comment session.

8) Member Comment

Ms. Scozzafava commented on the presentation on Anne LaBastille by Leslie Surprenant . She said the Youth Climate Change Summiteers gave an exciting and enthusiastic presentation. She thanked Ron Konowitz for his comments.

Mr. Wilt thanked Ms. Burgess and Ms. Knight for a job well done on the Local Government Day Conference. He reported on the \$2M funding for invasive species control.

Mr. Booth said the Youth Climate Change Summiteers' excitement was encouraging.

Mr. Lussi complimented Steve Guglielmi, DEC, on his Wilmington Wild Forest UMP Amendment presentation. He said the interaction between Agency and Department staff was exciting to see. He said the Youth Climate Summiteers' presentation was encouraging.

Mr. Stegemann said he was invigorated by this month's meeting. For example, the Youth Climate Change Summit presentation and the working relationship between the agencies. He said partnerships get things done and he looks forward to working on the Boreas Ponds area.

Ms. Feldman commented on the presentation on Anne LaBastille by Leslie Surprenant . She said the Youth Climate Summit presentation was fabulous and wondered if the

Agency could look into using solar energy. She said she was excited by the LEAN UMP process.

Mr. Craig thanked IT and Ms. Martino for providing Wi-Fi in the Board room. He suggested that members check out a National Geographic's website to view rare orchids. He said the same orchids are located at the old J&L site. He said it is amazing the ability of nature to reclaim sites.

Mr. Austin said the Youth Climate Change Summiteers' presentation was the highlight of the meeting. He said he would be having follow-up conversations with Ms. Kretser.

Mr. Thomas said he was impressed with the students that participated in the presentation. He suggested they educate local government officials so official can make informed decisions.

Ms. Martino thanked staff for their involvement in this month's meeting. She commented on the tree planting in remembrance of Anne LaBastille. She said she looks forward to seeing how the students that participate in the Wild Center Youth Climate Change Summit succeed in the future. She explained that the Agency did look into solar energy eight years ago but there was limited financing available. She said she looks forward to the biomass project with the DEC and State Police.

Ms. Ulrich announced that her service to the Agency will end in June when her term expires. She said that she served at the pleasure of the Governor but also at the pleasure of her spouse and family. She commented that she and her husband Jim recently celebrated their 20th anniversary and that Jim recently celebrated his 79 birthday. She said it was time to spend more time with family. She said it has been a pleasure serving with this Board. She said that the June Agency meeting would be her last. She received a standing ovation in appreciation and recognition for her 12 years of outstanding service to the Agency.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Attachments:
P2008-60R2
P2016-17

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman