



Adirondack Park Agency

SHERMAN CRAIG
Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

JUNE 9-10, 2016

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, June 9, 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
Karyn Richards, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Kathy Regan, Acting Executive Director AM
Rick Weber, Acting Executive Director PM
James Townsend, Counsel

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

Terry Martino, Executive Director

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
Shaun Lalonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist
Rick Weber, Director, Regulatory Programs
Amy Hall, Office Assistant 2 Calculations
Elaine Caldwell, Administrative Officer
Virginia Yamrick, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Tom Saehrig, 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. She reported that Executive Director Martino was away for training on the 9th and that Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning would sit at the table for the morning session and Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs would sit at the table for the afternoon session.

1. Public Comment

None

2. Approval of May 2016 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of May 12-13. 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. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:15 a.m.

Friday, June 10, 2016

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Karyn Richards, Bob Stegemann, Designees, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
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Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
Robyn Burgess, Local Planning Assistance Specialist
Ed Snizek, Supervisor, Natural Resources Analysis
Ariel Lynch, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Amy Hall, Office Assistant 2 Calculations
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

Full Agency

Ms. Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 9:05 a.m.

1) Executive Director Report

Executive Director Martino reported on her MBTI GOER training in Albany. She said the training is a valuable personality assessment tool in which she is now a certified trainer.

She reported on the Economic Affairs Committee presentation by Carol Calabrese and Jody Olcott, Co-directors of the Essex County Industrial Development Agency (IDA). She said that she and Mr. Kelleher hosted local IDAs two years ago to exchange ideas. She said Mr. Kelleher's work with these groups has expanded dialog and recognition of partnerships to expand goals.

She congratulated the Town of Wilmington for its recognition as a biking destination in the Adirondacks.

Ms. Martino acknowledged Chairwoman Ulrich for her years of service to the Agency. A slideshow presentation of some of the highlights of Ms. Ulrich's history with the Agency was shown.

Ms. Martino said that she felt that Ms. Ulrich always reached for the angles, not only because she is married to a minister, but because she always looks for the best in everyone. She said Ms. Ulrich is both a harmonizer and a fighter. She said Ms. Ulrich has held the value of the Agency's integrity throughout her tenure. She wished Ms. Ulrich well in her plans for family commitments and travel.

Mr. Lussi read a Resolution saluting Chairwoman Ulrich which was followed by a standing ovation and pictures.

Ms. Ulrich thanked everyone. She thanked Board members for the dinner and plaques presented to her and Mr. Booth.

2) Motion to Adjourn into Committee

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

Full Agency

Ms. Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 10:30 a.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Craig seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously approved P2015-62 as amended. The project involves a variance to add a

lakeside covered deck and patio onto a pre-existing structure within the 50 foot shoreline setback.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved P2015-96 involving a material change to P2005-318 to allow the current tower and antenna heights to remain and to install new panel antennas and remote radio heads on the existing 90-foot-tall guyed tower.

It was agreed that the Agency staff would consider changes in the standard language of the permit in the future.

b) State Land Committee

On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Hammond Pond Wild Forest UMP Amendment's conformance with the State Land Master Plan.

On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously authorized the Eighth Lake, Lake Durant and Limekiln Lake Campground UMPs to proceed to public comment.

On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously authorized the Cranberry Lake Campground UMP to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC.

Mr. Booth reported on the presentation for the Moose River Plains Wild Forest UMP amendment.

c) Legal Affairs Committee

Ms. Feldman reported on the proposed amendments to the SEQR regulations as presented by Paul Van Cott. She said that a red-line version of the regulation changes was provided to the Board. Ms. Richards said that she will provide the Board with copies of the Department's SEQR Cookbook.

d) Economic Affairs Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on the Essex County Industrial Development Agency's presentation by Carol Calabrese and Jody Olcott, Co-directors. He thanked Mr. Kelleher for his continued outreach.

e) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on the presentation by Walt Lender, Executive Director and Randy Rath, Project Manager about the Lake George Association.

2) Interim Reports

a) Local Government Services Committee

On motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Scozzafava, the Committee unanimously approved the Draft May Committee Meeting Minutes.

b) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the committee unanimously approved the Draft May Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

None

Ms. Ulrich announced for the record that Mr. Stegemann joined the Board members at the table.

7) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe said on behalf of Adirondack Towns and Villages and local government officials, they have enjoyed working with Ms. Ulrich. He said one of the most important legacies Ms. Ulrich leaves is her key role at Common Ground working with diverse groups of people and keeping them focused. He said a great example is the bill that was introduced in the Senate for a constitutional amendment with broad support by local governments and environmental groups. He said the Local Government Review Board wishes Ms. Ulrich well in her future.

8) Member Comment

Mr. Wilt thanked Ms. Ulrich for spending time familiarizing him to the Board members and Agency procedures. He said it was an honor to sit at the table next to Mr. Booth and Ms. Scozzafava and a pleasure to serve on the Board.

Mr. Thomas said he first met Ms. Ulrich in the 1990s through CAP 21 while learning about community visioning for the Town of Johnsburg. He said with her help the town developed a visioning project and master plan. He said he has seen a big change in the Agency in the last five or six years since Ms. Ulrich has been on the Board. He said Ms. Ulrich has been very involved with local governments. He said her ability to work with people and get things done has been very beneficial. He said he enjoyed the history and knowledge Mr. Booth brought to the Agency. He thanked him for his service and wished him well.

Ms. Feldman expressed her gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Ulrich. She said Ms. Ulrich encouraged her to join the Board and thanked her for her support. She said she has great respect for Ms. Ulrich's ability and willingness to stand up for her principles. She congratulated her for being the first chairwoman of the Agency. She wished her well in the future.

Ms. Richards said she was grateful to sit on the Board for this meeting. She said the Agency is a family. She said Ms. Ulrich is a strong woman and strong leader who has changed the Adirondack debate forever.

Mr. Stegemann said the Board members have high passion for their work. He said Ms. Ulrich has the ability to get the best out of people and to stay strong in adversity. He said she has done a great service to the Board and also to the Park. He said she has changed the paradigm of discussion in the Adirondacks and therefore has gotten results. He thanked her and wished her well. He said he valued Mr. Booth's expertise and challenge. He thanked Mr. Booth for his service to the Board.

Mr. Lussi thanked gardeners and farmers of the Park who spend time and hard work to get results. He said leaders like Ms. Ulrich and Mr. Booth, who put so much effort and care into the Board, also get results. He thanked Ms. Scozzafava for looking out for the people who live in the Park while balancing her work with the Governor's office and local governments. He said a former Board member named Katie Roberts would be proud of the work being done in the fight against invasives. He thanked Mr. Booth and Ms. Ulrich for all of their efforts.

Mr. Austin said that two powerful, critical voices would no longer be heard at the Agency. He said it was a privilege to work with Mr. Booth and Ms. Ulrich. Ms. Ulrich thanked Mr. Austin for his participation in the One Square Mile of Hope event.

Mr. Craig said that the Board was a family and that those members staying will continue as a team. He read the following remarks: "She's led with her heart on her sleeve, her gavel in hand in a way that made her Chairmanship anything but common; it has truly been extraordinary." Ms. Ulrich thanked Mr. Craig for his service to the Board and to the Common Ground Alliance.

Ms. Scozzafava announced that the June meeting may be her last as a designee on the Board. She said the staff of the APA has earned her utmost respect. She said their public service is carried out with professionalism and she thanked them. She thanked the Board members and said she was blessed to have known and worked with them. She read to Ms. Ulrich and Mr. Booth a quote by Theodore Roosevelt from April of 1910 but which still illustrates the work of each of them. She thanked them for their service; how far they have come and how much they have contributed.

Ms. Ulrich said that before she knew Ms. Scozzafava, she knew of her as someone who took courageous steps in her political career. She said the Board was lucky to have known and worked with her. Ms. Scozzafava received a standing ovation.

Mr. Booth said that the June meeting may also be his last as a Commissioner. He said it had been a deep honor to serve particularly because he started his career here. He said he came to the Agency almost 44 years ago and looked up to the commissioners at that time. He wished all going forward the best. He said it is a big responsibility; the Park is an awesome responsibility. He thanked the Agency for the plaque he was given. He congratulated Ms. Ulrich. He said the chairmanship was a difficult position and that she did a great job. He said that Mr. Thomas and Mr. Lussi's longevity was noteworthy. He thanked staff for their endless work and service. He said it was likely that he would be the last of the staff of 1973 to sit on the Board and so wanted to honor the first members of the Agency. He also paid tribute to the original staff of the Agency. He said they knew that what they were doing was important, that there was a lot they did not know, but it was endlessly interesting and exciting and that the story would go on. He thanked everyone.

Mr. Townsend read and presented a Resolution saluting Mr. Booth. Mr. Booth received a standing ovation.

Ms. Ulrich said that working for the Agency brought joys and bonding as a family but also days of challenge. She said those are the times when friendships are forged for life. She said the forging that has occurred over the last years will never be forgotten. She said she honored and admired Mr. Booth and was honored to have served with him.

Mr. Townsend thanked Mr. Booth for convincing him to return to the Agency as counsel. He said it has been an enjoyable challenge. He said that years ago he was tasked with recruiting Ms. Ulrich to the Board as a commissioner. He said over the years they have

been mentors to each other. He said her ability to look on the positive side has been a lesson he will cherish.

Ms. Martino said the comments made were a wonderful sharing of memories. She said she met Ms. Ulrich in 1998 and was struck by the work she was doing. She said Ms. Ulrich received the Citizen of the Year award from ANCA in 1999 and her passion in her work has continued to present time. She said in her years working in the Park, she worked with eight chairmen and only once worked with a woman chair. She said the harmonizing has done great things for the Adirondacks. She said Ms. Ulrich was always in reach regardless of her travels and provided amazing connectivity. She recognized Ms. Ulrich and Mr. Booth not seeking reappointment and Ms. Scozzafava seeking change. She expressed her appreciation. She thanked Jim Ulrich for his presence at Board meetings and presented him with an Attendance Award. She said she recognized that Mr. Ulrich had been the “#1 faithful traveling companion.”

Mr. Ulrich said he has enjoyed the meetings and will miss the routine. He said the Board members do a great job. He thanked them for their service, time and energy.

Ms. Ulrich thanked the people who brought her to the Board; the people of her community and CAP 21. She said that work brought Governors Pataki and Paterson to appoint her as commissioner and then Governor Cuomo to appoint her as Chairwoman. She said it has been an honor to serve. She thanked Robyn Burgess and Brian Grisi before her for their work with Local Government Day. She said JR Risley first told her about a Local Government Day event which she attended and loved and is still passionate about. She said it is an amazing incubator and networking opportunity. She said it was an honor to sit as a Board member but she would not have taken on the role of Chair without the Agency staff. She said it is an amazing group of individuals and the only reason it was possible for her to be Chair was due to the professionalism of the staff. She said staff were the quiet heroes because the majority of the staff never presents to the Board. She said the work they do for the Agency, their communities and the State is amazing. She said staff are a part of a very special association and will one day join the alumni of the Adirondack Park Agency. She said she will always be staff's cheerleader-in-chief. She also thanked Ms. Martino for her work as the Executive Director. She said her work was beyond compare. She said Mr. Barge's poster was a work of art and she encourages her colleagues to read it often. She said her colleagues will continue to face controversial issues. She said for them to follow the law. She said they were appointees and designees tasked with overseeing the implementation of complex laws and regulations to protect this Park. She encouraged them to take their time and set lasting policy of the Park. She said that under her and Ms. Martino's leadership, the Agency is more efficient and accessible than ever before. She said it is the only Agency that every member of the staff and most of the Board live in the Park. She thanked everyone for the friendship and support.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Attachments:
P2015-62
P2015-96

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman