



Adirondack Park Agency

SHERMAN CRAIG
Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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JULY 14, 2016

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, JULY 14, 2016

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherman Craig, Chairman
Chad Dawson, Member
John Ernst, Member
Karen Feldman, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
Barbara Rice, Member
William Thomas, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Brad Austin, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development
Lynne Mahoney, Designee, NYS Department of State
Bob 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
Shaun Lalonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist
Amy Hall, Office Assistant 2 Calculations
Elaine Caldwell, Administrative Officer
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Milt Adams, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Robyn Burgess, Local Planning Assistance Specialist
Kate-Lyn Knight, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Mary Palmer, Office Assistant 2
Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant-Economic Affairs
John Barge, Mapping Technologist 3

Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

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Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Introductions were made by both the audience and Board members. Mr. Craig presented Agency pins to Ms. Rice, Mr. Ernst, and Dr. Dawson and welcomed them to the Board.

Ms. Martino distributed to the Board a list of common APA abbreviations compiled by Robyn Burgess.

1. Public Comment

None

2. Approval of May 2016 Agency Minutes

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of June 9-10, 2016 with Ms. Rice, Dr. Dawson and Mr. Ernst abstaining. 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. Agency Member Committee Assignments

Mr. Craig distributed new Agency member committee assignments and asked for a motion to approve the committees.

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Agency member committee assignments.

6. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino welcomed Mr. Craig as the 14th Chair of the Agency and the first from St. Lawrence County.

She also welcomed the new Agency Board members and DOS designee. She said the Agency now has full membership. She thanked them for their commitment to the Park and the people in it.

Ms. Martino reported that many events were being held during Invasive Species Awareness Week. She said Agency staff participated in the Forest Pest Summit sponsored by the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) and the Adirondack Mountain Club. She said staff will also participate in the Aquatic Invasive Species Seminar and the 2016 Adirondack Lake Association Symposium. She acknowledged Mr. Monroe for his work organizing the Association.

Ms. Martino reported on the International Center Delegation and Department of State program which took place in the Park in June. She said Agency and Department staff coordinated on the program for the delegates from many countries.

She said the Ray Brook state complex biomass project had been delayed until spring 2017. She said the project should be ready for the 2017-18 heating season.

She congratulated all involved in the Common Ground Alliance forum which will celebrate its 10th anniversary this year. She said this year's forum will focus on building vibrant communities and will be held July 19 in Old Forge.

Ms. Feldman thanked staff for their work in regard to invasive species. She said everyone must get involved in the effort and stay vigilant.

Mr. Craig announced that the November 2016 meeting schedule showed a meeting date on November 11 which is a holiday. He said if a two-day meeting is required in November, the dates would be November 9-10, Wednesday and Thursday. He asked members to note this on their calendars.

7. APA 101: Jurisdictional Overview

Associate Counsel Sarah Reynolds provided a Jurisdictional overview to the Board of the Agency's work with the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Freshwater Wetlands Act, and the Wild, Scenic & Recreational Rivers System Act.

8. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 10:45 a.m.

Full Agency

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

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Lussi seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved P2016-0046, R.L. Vallee, Inc. The project involves replacement of an existing convenience store/gas station and three existing residential cabins with a new convenience store/gas station, as well as expansion of the number of fuel pumps and parking spaces and installation of a new on-site wastewater treatment system.

b) State Land Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously authorized the Vanderwhacker Mt. Wild Forest UMP Amendment to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously authorized the Horicon Boat Launch UMP to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC.

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

c) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously accepted the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Study for the Minerva Map Amendment and authorized it to proceed to public comment. (MA16-02)

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ernst, the Agency unanimously accepted the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Study for the Crown Point Map Amendment and authorized it to proceed to public comment. (MA16-03)

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously denied the proposed St. Armand Map Amendment. (MA16-01)

d) Local Government Services Committee

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Rice, the Agency approved the Town of Lake George Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment.

2) Interim Reports

a) Economic Affairs Committee

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Committee unanimously approved the Draft June Committee Meeting Minutes.

b) Legal Affairs Committee

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the committee unanimously approved the Draft June Committee Meeting Minutes.

c) Park Ecology Committee

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the committee unanimously approved the Draft June Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Lussi asked that the committee have a discussion on why so many pine trees are dying in the Park. Ms. Feldman said the lack of snow this past winter and the extreme fluctuation in temperatures contributed to the die-off.

The Administration, 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, 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.

7) Local Government Review Board Comment

Fred Monroe welcomed the new members on behalf of the Local Government Review Board. He thanked Ms. Reynolds for her jurisdictional overview presentation. He said the Review Board worked with Congresswoman Stefanik on two bills involving invasives. One bill was for congressional support involving 15 jurisdictions. The other bill was to develop a postage stamp which would create revenue to combat invasives.

8) Member Comment

Ms. Mahoney welcomed the new members and congratulated Mr. Craig on his appointment as Chairman.

Mr. Wilt welcomed the new members and congratulated Mr. Craig.

Mr. Lussi welcomed the new members. He advised them to bring the State Land Master Plan, the Adirondack Park Agency Act and the Rules and Regulations to the monthly meetings. He thanked Ms. Reynolds for her presentation. He also expressed his appreciation to RL Valley for investing in the Park in the convenience store.

Ms. Rice thanked Board members for their patience. She thanked staff for their impressive presentations. She thanked Mr. Craig for his leadership.

Mr. Ernst said it was a privilege to serve on the Board and he looked forward to continue learning. He thanked Mr. Craig for being welcoming.

Mr. Thomas said he was pleased that all eleven members of the Board had been appointed. He congratulated Mr. Craig on chairing his first meeting. He thanked Ms. Reynolds and Ms. Burgess for their presentations.

Dr. Dawson thanked the Executive Director, Chairman, members and staff. He said he was very optimistic about the future.

Mr. Austin welcomed the new members and congratulated Mr. Craig.

Ms. Feldman welcomed the new members and congratulated Mr. Craig. She thanked the Governor for appointing a full Board. She said she looked forward to chairing the State Land Committee. She encouraged everyone to be vigilant in regard to invasive species and to report them to the DEC website's invasive hotline.

Mr. Stegemann welcomed the new members and congratulated Mr. Craig. He thanked APA and Department staff for their continued hard work. He said the agencies should continue their efforts to connect State land to communities.

Mr. Craig said he appreciated the acceptance and support he has received from the staff, Board, Executive Director and Counsel. He also thanked Ms. Ulrich for her support and wished her well.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Attachments:
P2016-46

Sherman Craig, Chairman