



Adirondack Park Agency

SHERMAN CRAIG
Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, August 12, 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
Karyn Richards, 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
Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Mary Palmer, Office Assistant 2
Walt Linck, Assoc. Natural Resources Planner
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel
Elaine Caldwell, Administrative Officer

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

Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Public Comment

None

2. Approval of July 2016 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2016. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Recusals

Mr. Lussi reported that he has been elected by the Town of North Elba to a seat on the ORDA Board. He said his position had not yet been confirmed and he felt he could act on the Van Hoevenberg UMP amendment without conflict.

4. Motion for Executive Session

None

6. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino explained that this month's mailing did not include program reports. She said the July and August division reports will be included in the September mailing.

Ms. Martino said that following the summer Adirondack Challenge, the Governor's office reported \$1.3 billion in visitor spending, an increase of more than 14% since 2010. She thanked DEC staff for their work as campground usage, trailhead registrations, and rescues increase with the additional tourists.

She reported that North Country communities will be receiving \$29.7 million in grants for the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act. She applauded the Governor's announcement that the region will receive \$ 6.2 million in broadband grants in round two of the plan to further broadband for all New Yorkers by 2018.

Ms. Martino said July activities in the Park included Invasives Awareness Week and thanked the Adirondack Park Plant Invasive Program which provided events for all ages. She reported that the Common Ground Alliance held its ten-year anniversary at the View in Old Forge covering many topics.

She informed the Board about discussions between staff from the APA and Hudson River Black River Regulating District (HRBRRD) regarding permitting on Regulating District lands surrounding Sacandaga Lake. She said the letter stated that the Agency will not review activities for which the Regulating District has issued a work permit, unless the activities will involve wetlands. She said she would distribute the letter to the Board. She thanked Sarah Reynolds and John Burth for their work on this matter.

Ms. Feldman said she had attended the Governor's broadband announcement in Hudson, Columbia County. She thanked Mr. Austin for his work on this initiative.

Mr. Lussi questioned the reported economic increase from tourism. Ms. Martino said she received the information through conversations with Department staff as well as information from the Governor's office.

8. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

Full Agency

Mr. Craig reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 11:15 a.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) State Land Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously authorized the Mount Van Hoevenberg UMP Amendment 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 Lake Durant Public Campground UMP's conformance with the State Land Master Plan.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Limekiln Public Campground UMP's conformance with the State Land Master Plan.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Eighth Lake Public Campground UMP's conformance with the State Land Master Plan.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Ms. Rice, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Cranberry Lake Public Campground UMP's conformance with the State Land Master Plan.

2) Interim Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft July Committee Meeting Minutes.

b) Local Government Services Committee

On motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft July Committee Meeting Minutes.

c) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft July Committee Meeting Minutes.

The Administration, Economic Affairs, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Park Ecology and Public Awareness and Communication committees did not meet this month.

4) Old Business

None

5) New Business

Mr. Craig distributed the draft 2017 Agency Meeting Schedule and asked Board members to consider it. He said they would discuss it at the September meeting.

Mr. Craig also asked the Board to create a list of the issues and/ or projects each would like for the Board to consider for ongoing planning purposes.

6) Public Comment

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skiers Association, thanked Agency and Department staff for their work on the Mount Van Heovenburg UMP amendment. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

7) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe reported that he was part of a workgroup at the Common Ground Alliance meeting looking at ways to simplify Adirondack Park Agency's procedures and to revisit the 1994 Task Force Report. He also recommended that the 2013 APA Legislation be brought back to the table regarding lot counting.

8) Member Comment

Ms. Rice said that many groups come before the Franklin County Legislature asking for help in the fight against invasives. She said there is a need for education among municipalities.

Mr. Lussi said the boat wash station in North Elba is located at the airport and not near the two entrances to the lake. He said future planning should locate stations at the boat launch sites. He reported that Essex County has had a strong economic summer but that it is supported by events not tourists.

Mr. Ernst said he has seen an increase in tourism in the Park. He commented on the importance of boat wash stations and attention to invasives.

Mr. Austin thanked Ms. Feldman for her comments on the broadband initiative. He said there was a great team working on the initiative and they would be providing more outreach to communities.

Ms. Feldman thanked Department and Agency staff for their preparations on the UMPs.

Ms. Richards said she had many messages to bring back to DEC so that staff can bring more information to the Agency such as the siting of boat wash stations and campground usage.

Ms. Martino commented on the broadband initiative and how important it is to the economic health of the region. She thanked staff for their work on the UMPs coming before the Board. She thanked the Department for investing millions of dollars for improvements to campgrounds.

Mr. Craig said the investment in the Park for water infrastructure improvements is necessary for sustainable communities. He said he was pleased with the coordination for combating invasives species and credited the DEC for its role combatting invasives throughout the State, not just the Park.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Sherman Craig, Chairman