



Adirondack Park Agency

SHERMAN CRAIG
Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 5/31/17
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MAY 11-12, 2017

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 2017

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
Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2
Mary Palmer, Office Assistant 2
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director Planning
Elaine Caldwell, Administrative Officer
Elizabeth Stankus, Assistant Office Services Manager
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He announced that this month marked the 125th anniversary of the Adirondack Park. He welcomed Lynne Mahoney as the DOS designee and thanked Karyn Richards for representing the DEC designee.

1. Public Comment

None

2. Approval of March 2017 Agency Minutes

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2017 as amended by Mr. Lussi. 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 thanked the partners, staff and Board members for their participation in the successful 20th Local Government Day Conference. She thanked Kate-Lyn Knight and Robyn Burgess for an exceptional job done and the Planning Committee work headed by Mr. Wilt

She reported on several news items in the Park such as the continuation of the Citizen Scientist training; the Open Space Institute grant to the Lake Placid Land Conservancy to add land to the Wilmington Preserve for bike trails; the upcoming CAT hike; and the clean water grants and environmental protection funding provided in the State budget.

Ms. Martino announced staff changes: Bart Haralson and Patrick Connolly transferred from the Enforcement Division to Regulatory Programs; Tracy Darrah transferred from Regulatory Programs to the JIF Office; the retirements of Denise Wagner and Mitch Goroski; and the appointment of Elizabeth Stankus to the position of Assistant Office Services Manager.

She encouraged everyone to attend the tree planting in the Arboretum at noon in memory of Peter Van de Water to celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day.

Mr. Craig acknowledged the DEC staff in the audience. He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation between the Department and Agency staff.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

Friday, May 12, 2017

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherman Craig, Chairman
Chad Dawson, Member
John Ernst, Member
Karen Feldman, Member
Arthur Lussi, 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

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

Barbara Rice, Member

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Gerald Delaney, Chairman

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Robyn Burgess, Local Planning Assistant Specialist
Kate-Lyn Knight, Environmental Program Specialist
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

Full Agency

Mr. Craig reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 11:00 a.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) State Land Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency authorized the Piseco Lake Campground UMP to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC with Chairman Craig, Mr. Ernst, Ms. Feldman, Mr. Lussi, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wilt, Mr. Austin, Ms. Mahoney, and Ms. Richards voting for; Dr. Dawson voting against.

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

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously authorized the Buck Pond Lake Campground UMP to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC.

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

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously authorized the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and Jessup River Wild Forest UMP Amendments to proceed to public comment simultaneously with DEC.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously approved the Resolution with respect to an interpretation of the State Land Master Plan involving a Minimum Requirements Approach Guide for the Use of Non-natural Materials in the Construction of Bridges in Wild Forest Areas of the Adirondack Park, with small changes.

b) Local Government Services Committee

Mr. Wilt reported on the overview of Local Government Day 2017 by Robyn Burgess and Kate-Lyn Knight.

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously approved the Amendment of the Delegation Resolution to Permit Consideration of Classes of Minor Amendments to Agency-Approved Local Land Use Programs by the Executive Director.

c) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion by Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously accepted the Town of Crown Point Map Amendment DSEIS and authorized it to go to public hearing.

d) Legal Affairs Committee

Ms. Feldman reported on the SEQR presentation by Paul Van Cott and Lawrence Weintraub from DEC.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously authorized the updated Administrative Adjudication Plan to proceed to public comment.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Agency unanimously approved the updated MOU for DEC Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Services.

e) Regulatory Programs Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on Mr. Weber's presentation on procedures for delegated variances by Rick Weber. He said there was discussion about staff amending procedures on complicated variances and permit to streamline the process.

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously authorized General Permit 2017G-1, Access to and Replacement of Utility Poles in Wetlands, to proceed to public comment.

f) Economic Affairs Committee

Mr. Wilt reported on the presentation by Drew Cappabianca highlighting his multitasking business the Hub, a bicycle shop and tavern and its positive impact on the community of Brant Lake.

2) Interim Reports

a) Enforcement Committee

The Committee did not meet in May.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes for its March meeting.

Mr. Lussi asked if the Committee's executive session should be in the minutes. Mr. Townsend reported that the Committee had made a determination and had transmitted it to the respondent as required by the rules.

b) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

Mr. Thomas reported that Keith McKeever was working on committee projects to bring before the Board.

The Administration, Enforcement, Park Ecology committees did not meet this month.

4) Old Business

None

5) New Business

None

6) Public Comment

Ron Konowicz, Adirondack Powder Skiers Association, asked the Board to consider the Boreas Ponds Tract area for backcountry skiing. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

8) Member Comment

Mr. Delaney thanked the Agency for providing a presentation to members of the Northern Forest Center Board. He said the meeting helped explain the regulatory process in the Park.

Mr. Lussi welcomed Ms. Mahoney to the Board. He commended Drew Cappabianca for his entrepreneurial spirit and congratulated him on his multitasking business.

Mr. Ernst said he welcomed the Agency's attempts to improve institutionally with work such as the MRA, streamlining, and the scoping work for SEQR. He said these products will improve efficiency.

Ms. Richards thanked the Board for their support of her as the DEC designee in Mr. Stegemann's absence.

Ms. Feldman reminded everyone to be vigilant in invasive species prevention.

Mr. Austin said the regional economic councils are holding meetings and encouraged businesses and local government to get involved.

Dr. Dawson thanked DEC and APA staff for the planning documents they are producing. He said he hoped that work will continue so the Board will be prepared to make difficult decisions in the future.

Mr. Thomas suggested the Community Spotlight sessions return to the Board meetings, including the 125 year history of the Park.

Mr. Townsend gave a brief history of environmental milestones which have occurred in the month of May, including the 125 year history of the Park.

Ms. Martino said the Northern Forest Center meeting was a great opportunity. She thanked all the committees for their work on this month's meeting. She thanked Mr. Van Cott for his informative presentation and commented on Mr. Cappabianca's business, the Hub. She said she was very pleased with the tree planting ceremony and remembrance and thanked Mr. Craig for suggesting Dr. Van de Water.

Mr. Craig thanked the members for their participation in Local Government Day. He said he would welcome the return of Community Spotlight. He said the tree planting ceremony was very special to him and felt it was important to know the history of the Park and the people who made a difference for the future.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Attachments:
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Sherman Craig, Chairman