



# Adirondack Park Agency

**SHERMAN CRAIG**  
Chairman

**TERRY MARTINO**  
Executive Director

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**JULY 13, 2017**

## **ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING**

**Thursday, July 13, 2017**

### **AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Sherman Craig, Chairman  
Chad Dawson, Member  
John Ernst, 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  
Robert Stegemann, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
Terry Martino, Executive Director  
James Townsend, Counsel

### **ABSENT AND EXCUSED**

Karen Feldman, Member

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT**

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

### **AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2  
Mary Palmer, Office Assistant 2  
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director Planning  
Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer  
Matt McNamara, Environmental Program Specialist  
Walt Linck, Assoc. Natural Resource Planner  
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He paid tribute to the late John Collins and George Canon and their dedication to family, community and Park. He asked for a moment of silence in their honor.

Mr. Craig announced the creation of the variance committee including himself, Dr. Dawson, Chair, Mr. Ernst, Ms. Mahoney, Ms. Martino, Mr. Weber, Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Monroe, and Mr. Lalonde. He said the committee will review the variance process and report back to the Board.

He commented on the Common Ground Alliance Conference and the overall tone of civility among the attendees.

#### **1. Public Comment**

None

#### **2. Approval of June 2017 Agency Minutes**

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of June 8-9. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

#### **3. Recusals**

Mr. Lussi recused himself from discussion and action involving a variance for his family's camp in the Town of North Elba, P2016-100A, Camp Majano, LLC. Mr. Craig stated he would act as committee chair during the recusal.

#### **4. Motion for Executive Session**

None

#### **5. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Martino echoed the Chairman's comments on Mr. Collins and Mr. Canon. She expressed her appreciation for their contributions to Park residents.

Ms. Martino brought attention to the signs posted along the entrance to the building. She said signs like those are being posted throughout the Park to educate people about

invasive species prevention. She thanked Leigh Walrath and Ed Snizek for displaying the signs and encouraged members to read them. She said Invasive Species Awareness Week begins July 9 through the 15th and said many events and trainings will be taking place throughout the Park.

She reported that Dr. Dawson is a member of the State Climate Change Alliance on behalf of the Agency. She said this committee has asked agencies to complete a climate change survey.

Ms. Martino commented on the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Common Ground Alliance Conference held in Old Forge on July 11. She said that Venetia Lannon, Deputy Secretary for the Environment, spoke about the Governor's initiatives regarding the environmental and economic health of the Park.

She said that Dan Kelleher continues his work on the HEPA initiative working with many towns throughout the Park to develop economic opportunities. She congratulated BETA for their work on a connector trail for mountain biking in Wilmington.

Ms. Martino reported this has been a record year for Bald Eagle breeding.

Mr. Stegemann reported that construction will begin soon on the biomass project and cautioned there will be extra activity around the parking lots of the State office compound. He also announced that some paving will be done on the front DEC lot.

## **6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees**

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

Mr. Craig reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:30 p.m.

### **1) Committee Reports**

#### **a) State Lands Committee**

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Buck Pond Campground UMP conformance with the State Land Master Plan.

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Caroga Lake Campground UMP conformance with the State Land Master Plan.

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution as edited on the Blue Mountain Wild Forest UMP conformance with the State Land Master Plan.

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution as edited on the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and Jessup River Wild Forest UMP amendments conformance with the State Land Master Plan.

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously authorized the renewal of General Permit 2017G-1, issued to regional and municipal utility companies within the Adirondack Park to allow for the replacement of utility poles in wetlands and/or the establishment of temporary structures in wetlands to access utility poles.

Mr. Lussi recused himself and left the room.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously approved the Camp Majano, LLC, P2016-100A, variance amendment to the variance to add caissons and tiebacks to support the two decks approved by Variance Order P2016-100.

b) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Ernst reported on the presentation by Dr. Holmlund, Director of the Paul Smith's College Watershed Stewardship Program, on the state-funded Adirondack AIS Spread Prevention Program.

c) Public Awareness and Communications Committee

Mr. Thomas reported on the presentation by Mr. Mason and Mr. Herman of the overview and five-year update of the strategic visioning work in the Adirondack Park.

**2) Interim Reports**

a) Legal Affairs Committee

The committee did not meet in July.

On motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes for its June meeting.

b) Local Government Services Committee

The committee did not meet in July.

On motion by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes for its June meeting.

Mr. Wilt reported that the Agency had received a proposed amendment to the Lake George Local Land Use Program to prohibit fracking. He said the amendment would be reviewed in-house per the new Delegation Resolution. Mr. Monroe asked if the ban was for oil only or if it included water. Mr. Craig asked staff to confirm that it did not include water withdrawal. Staff will follow-up with the town.

c) Park Policy and Planning Committee

The committee did not meet in July.

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes for its June meeting.

The Administration, Economic Affairs, and Enforcement, committees did not meet this month.

**4) Old Business**

None

**5) New Business**

Mr. Craig announced that the Agency does not have charging dockets available for charging vehicles. He said the outlets on the building's exterior are not to be used for this purpose.

**6) Public Comment**

Dan Plumley, Adirondack Wild, commented on the Adirondack Research Symposium award to Ray Curran. He said his organization has a new publication available on their website: *Pathways to a Connected Adirondack Park*. He recognized staff for their help

with determining jurisdiction for a new sign at the Keene Fire Department. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

### **7) Local Government Review Board Comment**

Mr. Monroe commented on the ADK Futures presentation and said progress has been made but there were two areas that still need attention: affordable housing and transferable development rights. He said he was very pleased with the General Permit regarding utilities in wetland and suggested the Agency look to provide more general permits in other areas.

### **8) Member Comment**

Ms. Mahoney said the presentations were very informative. She thanked Keith McKeever for his work with social media.

Ms. Rice commented on the value of the presentations.

Mr. Lussi thanked the Chairman for his comments on Mr. Collins and Mr. Canon.

Mr. Ernst said the presentations were very useful and hoped there would be more.

Mr. Stegemann recognized APA and DEC staff for their work on the UMPs. He commented on the Common Ground Alliance efforts which he felt captured the work of Mr. Collins and Mr. Canon. He said he was pleased to hear of the record breeding year for the Bald Eagle.

Mr. Austin reported that CFA applications are due July 28 by 4:00 pm.

Mr. Dawson thanked staff for their work. He commented on the positive dialogue and discussion among the Board members. He challenged members to delve more deeply and ask more questions.

Ms. Martino thanked Mr. McKeever for his efforts with social media. She recognized the contributions of Mr. Collins and Mr. Canon.

Mr. Craig said it was possibly historic that four UMPs were finalized at one meeting. He thanked staff for an incredible job done.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Sherman Craig, Chairman