



# Adirondack Park Agency

**SHERMAN CRAIG**  
Chairman

**TERRY MARTINO**  
Executive Director

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**Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 12/11/17**  
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**NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

## **ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING**

**Thursday, November 16 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  
Robert Stegemann, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
Terry Martino, Executive Director  
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel

### **ABSENT AND EXCUSED**

Barbara Rice, Member

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

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

### **AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer  
Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2  
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director Planning  
Laurie Bullis, Secretary 1  
Rick Weber, Deputy Director Regulatory Programs  
Walt Linck, Environmental Program Specialist 2  
Beth Phillips, Senior Attorney  
Colleen Park, Environmental Program Specialist 3  
Shaun Lalonde, Professional Engineer 2

Paul Van Cott, Associate Attorney  
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

### **1. Public Comment**

Tyler Socash advocated for a Wilderness classification for the Boreas Ponds Tract. He said he had hiked from the Boreas Ponds area to the Agency carrying 1,882 public comment letters all calling for a Wilderness classification to bring attention to the importance of keeping the area wild for humans and animals. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Willie Janeway, Adirondack Council, thanked the Agency and Department for their comments against the storage of rail cars in the Adirondack Park. He thanked the Governor for his strong opposition to the action and said agencies continue to work for the removal of the rail cars. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

### **2. Approval of October 12, 2017 Agency Minutes**

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2017 as corrected. Copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency are on file at the Agency.

### **3. Recusals**

None

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

None

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

Executive Director Martino welcomed all the visitors attending the meeting.

She thanked local government officials and said the Agency continues to build on partnerships with the towns and villages within the Park.

She thanked everyone for the work done to make Proposition 3 a success. She said the land bank proposition would benefit communities while protecting the Forest Preserve.

She assured the Board that Agency lawyers were working closely with the Department to research the legal aspects of the storage of rail cars in the Park.

Ms. Martino commented on the Agency's communication outreach to both local and world-wide delegations. She said many individuals raised concerns during the sessions about what the United States is doing in regard to climate change and its environmental and economic impacts. She thanked the Governor for his leadership in the aftermath of recent major weather events.

She said executive staff and the Chairman were participating in stakeholder meetings about conservation design in Lake George. She said this work is in response to Assemblyman Englebright's sponsorship of a bill to require conservation design. She said staff are also working on an internal process to update the large-scale subdivision application to involve the public early in the process and streamline the experience. She thanked Ariel Lynch, Ed Snizek, Shaun Lalonde, Jim Townsend, Sarah Reynolds, Paul VanCott, and Jennifer Hubbard for their work on this important initiative.

She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Feldman reported she had attended a climate change meeting for agencies state-wide to discuss ideas on how best to educate State employees on the impacts of climate change.

## **6. Agency Members Committee Assignments**

Chairman Craig reported that Mr. Wilt had been assigned Chair of the Regulatory Programs Committee and Mr. Lussi assigned Chair of the Economic Committee. The Agency members verbally approved the committee assignments.

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

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 10:10 a.m.

### **Full Agency**

Mr. Craig reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:45 p.m.

#### **1) Committee Reports**

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously approved the Saverio Ruffolo, P2007-320R2 second renewal of a permit authorizing 2 lots involving wetlands in an 8-lot residential subdivision in the Town of Bolton, Warren County.

b) Economic Affairs Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on Dan Kelleher's overview of the Agency's Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance (HEPA) initiative and the anticipated Envision Adirondacks initiative.

c) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Ernst said Ed Snizek gave an update on Asian clams and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Mr. Ernst reported on the research by Dr. Dan Kelting, Executive Director, Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI). Dr. Kelting gave a presentation on the Paul Smith's College AWI, on the effects of road salt application rates on soil and water quality.

d) State Land Committee

Ms. Feldman reported on the Sentinel Range Wilderness UMP presentation by Steve Guglielmi, DEC.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously approved the Primitive Tent Site Guidance to proceed with simultaneous public comment with the DEC.

e) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion by Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously accepted the FSEIS for the Crown Point Map Amendment.

Mr. Lussi suggested the Board take into consideration that some homes in the Park are second or third homes purchased for investment rentals. He said these rentals create more use of the property.

**2) Interim Reports**

The Administration, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Local Government Services, and Public Awareness and Communication committees did not meet this month.

**3) Old Business**

None

**4) New Business**

None

**5) Public Comment**

Dan Plumley, Adirondack Wild, expressed his appreciation for Tyler Socash and his friends for advocating for Wilderness. He expressed support for the Agency's work on the Large-scale Subdivision Application and suggested a public hearing be held for it. He appreciated the stakeholder meetings that were being held and found them to be very successful. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skiing Association, reported on activity regarding backcountry skiing taking place in Vermont. He asked that the Board continue to work on a plan for backcountry skiing in the Park.

**6) Member Comment**

Mr. Monroe expressed appreciation for the work being done on the Large-scale Subdivision Application. He said these changes will make the process more affordable and require less need for additional information. He said he had some concern about lot counting particularly in older subdivisions.

Mr. Wilt thanked staff for their work on the Large-scale Subdivision Application.

Mr. Lussi thanked Mr. Socash for his journey. He thanked Mr. Weber for his efforts on the application and said he would be providing comments.

Mr. Ernst said it was timely that the group of students from Clarkson attended the meeting. He commended staff on their work on the application amendments. He thanked Dr. Kelting for his sober and scientific presentation on the effects of road salt usage.

Mr. Stegemann said he was impressed with the group that attended the meeting to advocate for wilderness. He said the road salt discussion was very important. He said the work the Agency and Department are doing are setting good policies.

Ms. Feldman encouraged Mr. Socash and his group to apply their passion to other items in the future. She commented on the road salt presentation and said there is follow-up to be done. She thanked staff for their work on the task force committees. She wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Austin commented on the presentation by Mr. Socash.

Dr. Dawson appreciated Mr. Socash and the group and said he hopes they stay involved as they are our future leaders.

Mr. Thomas said he valued the work Mr. Kelleher does for the Agency and his interaction with Park stakeholders.

Ms. Reynolds said all comprehensive edits staff receive on the Large-scale Application will be taken seriously.

Ms. Martino thanked the Board, public involvement and staff for their work on the application amendment process. She said there were many positive comments from the various meetings. She thanked Mr. Weber for his efforts.

Mr. Craig said the taskforce committees are changing and updating Agency practices and thanked the Board and staff. He said the Proposition 3 was a hard-won victory and thanked all who worked for it. He commented on the disabled veterans who were practicing at the bobsled run and what a positive, inspirational group they were.

Attachments:  
P2007-320R2

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Sherman Craig, Chairman