



Adirondack Park Agency

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Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 6/21/18
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JUNE 7, 2018

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, June 7, 2018

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Karen Feldman, Presiding Chairwoman
Chad Dawson, Member
John Ernst, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
William Thomas, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Lynne Mahoney, Designee, NYS Department of State
Brad Austin, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development
Robert Stegemann, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Terry Martino, Executive Director
Sarah Reynolds, Acting Counsel

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

Sherman Craig, Chairman

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Most staff were present for the presentation of retirement resolutions for Steve Brewer and John Barge.

Video and MP3 audio recordings of the proceedings, including public comment, are available in their entirety via webcast at

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

Presiding Chairwoman Feldman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Approval of May 10, 2018 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2018. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Recusals

Mr. Lussi recused himself from discussions on P2018-25, the ORDA project and the Gore Mountain Reclassification and UMP Amendment.

4. Motion for Executive Session

None.

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino reported on the Audubon New York's birdathon in the Park held over Memorial Day weekend.

She read a thank you note from Mrs. Ellen Collins for honoring her husband John Collins, with a tree dedication in the Agency arboretum in May. Ms. Martino said this was the fifteenth year of dedicating a tree.

She reported on the Adirondack Land Trust purchase of land adjacent to the Wilmington Wild Forest. She said this purchase provided the opportunity to expand the mountain bike trails in conformance with the recently approved Singletrack Trail Guidance.

Ms. Martino commented on the recent report of smog detected at Whiteface Mountain. She said the Trump's administration's announcement to repeal the Clean Power Plan is causing more pollution in the Adirondacks. She applauded the Governor's opposition to those policies and the State's legal action against the Environmental Protection Agency.

She reported engineering staff attended a meeting in North Hudson with other state and local officials about Schroon River restoration projects.

She said she, Rick Weber and Sarah Reynolds presented the amended Large-scale Subdivision application at the recent AATV meeting. She said staff provided copies of

the application and answered questions. She reported that staff from ADK Action presented an MOU at the meeting on towns in the Park reducing road salt usage.

Ms. Martino read and presented Steve Brewer and John Barge with retirement resolutions. Both received standing ovations in appreciation for their work as dedicated public servants.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

Full Agency

On motion by Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously directed Ms. Feldman to reconvene the Full Agency meeting at 3:00 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

Mr. Lussi recused himself from the P2018-25 ORDA project.

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Agency unanimously approved P2018-25, ORDA, authorizing Improvements to the ORDA Olympic Jumping Complex to include: construction of a new K64/HS70 jump; removal of the K48 and K20 jumps and replace them with K37 and K19 jumps; replace the existing chair lift with a new chair lift in a new location; re-grade outruns for the K90 and K120 jumps; construct a new tubing hill; construct a zip line; construct a 20 foot by 20 foot refrigeration building; install an entry plaza to the lodge, add two shooting lanes to the biathlon shooting range, add new permanent lighting for events; and construct a 70 foot by 138 foot garage in the Town of North Elba, Essex County.

Mr. Lussi returned to the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Austin, P2017-189, Robert and Donna Adams project was on the table for discussion.

Mr. Monroe asked about the condition banning all generator use and said he felt it was not fair that generators could not be used if there was a power outage. The Board agreed. Ms. Feldman called for the vote.

The Agency unanimously approved P2017-189, Robert and Donna Adams authorizing a 12 site RV campground with individual water, electric and sewage hook-ups in the Town of Long Lake, Hamilton County as amended in condition #19 to allow the use of generators during times when municipal power is not available.

b) State Land Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously adopted the Black River UMP Amendment Resolution on APSLMP conformance.

On motion by Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously adopted the Cranberry Lake Boat Launch UMP Amendment Resolution on APSLMP conformance.

On motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously adopted the Lake George Battlefield UMP Amendment Resolution on APSLMP conformance

Mr. Lussi recused himself from the Gore Mountain Reclassification and UMP amendment vote.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously accepted the Gore Mountain DSEIS and authorized the reclassification to proceed to public hearing; and the UMP amendment to proceed to public comment on APSLMP conformance of the UMP.

Mr. Lussi returned to the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously authorized the Grass River UMP amendment to proceed to public comment on APSLMP Conformance.

On motion by Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously authorized the Saranac Lake Wild Forest UMP to proceed to public comment on APSLMP conformance.

2) Interim Reports

a) Park Ecology Committee

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its May meeting.

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

On motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adjourned into the Economic Affairs committee meeting at 3:15 pm.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Dawson, Ms. Feldman reconvened the full agency meeting at 4:15 pm.

Committee Reports Continued

b) Economic Affairs Committee

Mr. Lussi commented on Mr. Jay Ward's presentation on his forest products business, Ward Lumber, located in the Town of Jay, Essex County.

3) Old Business

None

4) New Business

None

5) Public Comment

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skiers Association, (APSA) commented on the Ward Lumber presentation. He thanked the Governor for giving APSA a voice and said he looks forward to more backcountry ski trails.

6) Member Comment

Mr. Monroe said the Local Government Review Board supports Ron Konowitz's call for backcountry skiing. He asked for timely action on the McCauley Mountain emergency cell tower project. He said he was pleased with the accessibility of the Cranberry Lake boat launch.

Mr. Stegemann commented on the amount and quality of work by Agency and Department staff. He said staff worked hard to implement public comment in the UMPs.

Dr. Dawson said he appreciated all the work being accomplished. He said it was a collective effort and always improving.

Mr. Thomas thanked State Land staff for all their efforts. He said he was impressed with the Ward Lumber presentation and felt the Board should listen to Mr. Ward's comments.

Mr. Ernst commented on the Ward Lumber presentation. He congratulated Ms. Feldman for filling in as Chair in Mr. Craig's absence.

Mr. Lussi thanked and congratulated Mr. Brewer and Mr. Barge on their retirements. He said he appreciated that Regulatory Programs public comments can now be received by email. He congratulated and thanked Mr. Ward for his presentation. He asked the Board to continue to reach out to local businesses for future presentations.

Ms. Reynolds thanked the retirees for their many years of contributions to the Agency and community.

Ms. Martino said the UMP work being done was amazing and expressed her appreciation to staff. She commented on the Ward Lumber presentation. She acknowledged the work of the recent retirees and wished them well.

Ms. Feldman acknowledged the retirees. She said their many years of experience cannot be replaced. She said the Agency needs to fill the positions and keep moving forward. She thanked staff for their work and gave kudos to Mike Pratt, ORDA, for being a great partner.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Sherm Craig, Chairman

Attachments: P2018-25
P2017-189