



# Adirondack Park Agency

**SHERMAN CRAIG**  
Chairman

**TERRY MARTINO**  
Executive Director

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**Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 7/25/18**  
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**JULY 12-13, 2018**

## **ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING**

**Thursday, July 12, 2018**

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

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

### **ABSENT AND EXCUSED**

William Thomas, Member

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

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

### **AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2  
Elaine Caldwell, Administrative Officer  
Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer  
Rick Weber, Deputy Director Regulatory Programs  
Annemarie Peer, Office Assistant 2  
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 2  
Jennifer Hubbard, Senior Attorney  
Paul Van Cott, Associate Attorney  
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3  
Susan Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He reported Mr. Thomas was unable to attend this month's meeting and that as Chair, he would sit on committees as necessary in Mr. Thomas's absence.

Mr. Craig announced his resignation as of July 31, 2018. He reported Karen Feldman will then serve as Acting Chairwoman.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Approval of June 7, 2018 Agency Minutes**

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2018. Mr. Craig abstained as he was absent from the June meeting. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

**3. Recusals**

Mr. Ernst recused himself from the High Peaks Wilderness Complex and Vanderwhacker Wild Forest UMP amendments.

Mr. Lussi recused himself from the Mount Van Hoevenberg UMP amendment.

**4. Motion for Executive Session**

None.

**5. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Martino congratulated Mr. Craig as he resigns. She remembered that at his first meeting in 2011, executive staff presented the Adirondack Club and Resort project record. During his tenure as a member and leadership as Chair, the Agency has seen many changes, improvements and increased outreach to communities. She thanked him for his service.

Ms. Martino commented on the miraculous rescue of the children trapped in a cave in Thailand. She said as the rescue mission concluded, the world collectively breathed a sigh of relief.

She reported the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) is hosting many events to educate the public during Invasives Species Week, July 8-14, 2018.

Ms. Martino reported Planning staff had approved, through the Delegation Resolution, an amendment to the Lake George Approved Local Land Use Program.

She said updated Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map and State Land Maps have been ordered. She thanked recently retired John Barge for his work completing this project. She reported that Mr. Barge has been approved to return to the Agency on a part-time basis for six months to work with the mapping position knowledge transfer.

She congratulated the Common Ground Alliance on their upcoming 12<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Lake Placid on July 19. She said the Alliance contributed to the Agency staff work on the revisions to the Large-Scale Subdivision Application.

Ms. Martino announced the hiring of Matthew Brown, Environmental Program Specialist 1 Trainee. Mr. Brown was presented an Adirondack Park Agency pin by Chairman Craig.

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

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:25 a.m.

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Fred Monroe, Executive Director

**AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

Most staff were present for the presentation of a resignation resolution for Chairman Sherman Craig.

**Full Agency**

The Chairman reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**1) Committee Reports**

a) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

Mr. Craig reported on the J&L site presentation by Gary McCullouch, Region 6, Regional Spill Engineer.

b) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Board unanimously approved P2015-20 authorizing an extension of operations of an existing commercial sand and gravel extraction and the establishment of a new 12.7±-acre hard rock mine in the Town of North Hudson, Essex County. The mining operation, to occur from March 1 through December 31, will include blasting, hauling, screening and crushing to produce crushed granular stone and rip rap materials. Access to the mine will be over an existing sand and gravel mine haul road to Pepper Hollow Road with up to 20 loaded trucks leaving the site daily. The mine will be undertaken in six phases with an estimated total of 1.4 million cubic yards of available bedrock reserves.

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Board unanimously approved P2018-21, Herkimer County Office of Emergency Services authorizing construction of a new 90-foot-tall self-supporting lattice tower on McCauley Mountain with three di-pole antennas and one microwave dish on the tower for emergency services communication in the Town of Webb, Herkimer County. The tower will be approximately 300 feet from and 30 feet higher in elevation than an existing tower, which will remain. An existing ski mountain maintenance work road will be used to access the tower site, which will be extended by a new 230-foot-long access drive.

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Board unanimously approved P2015-159, Fawn Ridge, LLC/ Bissell as amended authorizing "Trailside at Fawn Ridge," a proposed 43-lot residential subdivision of 192 acres partially located within the Village of Lake Placid creating 40 building lots and 3 vacant lots in the Town of North Elba, Essex County. The building lots will range in size from approximately 1± acre to 8± acres with one single family dwelling proposed for each lot. Of the 40 proposed building lots, 35 are located within an area classified as Moderate Intensity Use, and 5 are located within an area classified as Rural Use on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map.

b) State Land Committee

Mr. Lussi recused himself from the Mount Van Hoevenberg UMP Amendment.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously authorized the Mount Van Hoevenberg UMP Amendment to proceed to public comment on APSLMP conformance.

Mr. Lussi returned to the meeting.

Mr. Ernst recused himself from the High Peaks Wilderness Complex and Vanderwhacker Wild Forest UMP Amendments.

On motion by Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously adopted the High Peaks Wilderness Complex UMP Amendment Resolution on APSLMP conformance.

On motion by Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously adopted the Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest UMP Amendment Resolution on APSLMP conformance.

Mr. Ernst returned to the meeting.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously accepted the Travel Corridor UMP Generic to proceed to public comment on APSLMP conformance.

## **2) Interim Reports**

### **a) Economic Affairs Committee**

On motion by Mr. Austin, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its June meeting.

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

## **3) Old Business**

None

## **4) New Business**

None

## **5) Public Comment**

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skiers Association (APSA), thanked Mr. Craig for his service on the Agency Board. He thanked staff for including APSA in the UMP discussions and said he looks forward to continued action on backcountry skiing. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Bob Glennon thanked Mr. Craig for his service to the Board, the Park and to his community. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Dan Plumley, Adk Wild, thanked Mr. Craig for serving on the Board. He advocated for a permit system in the Park to address overuse. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Mr. Craig said he was proud of the work the Agency and Department have done and appreciates the public comments.

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

Mr. Monroe thanked Mr. Craig for his thoughtful and balanced work with the Local Review Board. He congratulated Ms. Feldman on the Acting Chairwoman position. He said the Review Board was pleased with the Vanderwhacker and High Peaks plans. He called on the Board to review the Agency's cell tower policy and transferable development rights policy.

#### **7) Member Comment**

Ms. Mahoney thanked Mr. Craig for his service and said she appreciated his personal outreach as Chair. She passed along congratulations on behalf of Matt Tebo.

Mr. Wilt said Mr. Craig would be missed. He thanked him for his help during Mr. Wilt's transition as a new Board member and for always reaching out to members.

Mr. Lussi said his statement this month was "dare to make a difference in the Park." He thanked Mr. Craig for his service on the Board and as Chair. He said Mr. Craig's background in education was key to making educated decisions through his research to find answers.

Mr. Ernst said he had great respect for the work done with Mr. Craig as Chair. He called Mr. Craig a quiet revolutionary. He said Mr. Craig's creation of staff/ member committees and UMP progress was impressive work.

Mr. Stegemann said the Commissioner and Department appreciated Mr. Craig's leadership. He said Mr. Craig helped change the mistrust of the Agency by encouraging the Board to work together to get things done. He expressed best wishes to Ms. Feldman for taking on the Acting Chair position.

Ms. Feldman thanked staff for a very busy monthly meeting. She said the Agency and Department's teamwork and coordination were incredible. She thanked Mr. Craig for

his staff/ member interaction, internet applications, and work to update applications and policies. She thanked him for his leadership during the Boreas process. She said with his quiet strength he built support with partners and transformed the Board. She also thanked Mrs. Annette Craig for her support.

Mr. Austin thanked Sherm for his unwavering and persistent leadership. He wished him well.

Dr. Dawson said Mr. Craig encouraged Board members to be themselves and to speak out. He said disagreement is fine if done in civil way and Mr. Craig modeled that tone. He wished Ms. Feldman and the Board luck going forward.

Ms. Reynolds thanked Mr. Craig for his accomplishments. She said the new staff/ member committees achieved substantial changes and increased communication. She wished Ms. Feldman luck.

Ms. Martino thanked Mr. Craig for his level of involvement, enthusiasm, and work with staff and other agencies. She presented him with a Resolution saluting his work. Mr. Craig received a standing ovation.

Mr. Craig said he depended greatly on Ms. Martino to relay staff thoughts to him therefore providing him the ability to lead. He said the Board had trust in the staff and each other enabling the work to get done. He said Ms. Feldman will continue that leadership. He said Agency and Department staff have excellent communication and great teamwork. He thanked the Board members for their support in giving him the opportunity to leave. He thanked Ms. Feldman and his wife for their support and counsel. He said he would not have been able to lead without the support of his wife, Annette.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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Karen Feldman, Acting Chairwoman

Attachments: P2015-20  
P2018-21  
P2015-159