



Adirondack Park Agency

KAREN FELDMAN
Acting Chair

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 9/27/18 8:30 am TDM:sas

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, September 13, 2018

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Karen Feldman, Acting Chair
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
Sarah Reynolds, Acting Counsel

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Many staff were present for the presentation of a retirement resolution saluting Fred Monroe.

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

Acting Chair Feldman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She commented on the huge hurricane headed to the Carolinas and its possible connection to climate change. She acknowledged and congratulated Mark Rooks for his participation in the recent 90-mile canoe race.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Approval of August 9, 2018 Agency Minutes

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2018. 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

Keith McKeever gave the report in Ms. Martino's absence. Mr. McKeever congratulated the over six hundred paddlers who participated in the 2018 Annual Canoe Festival.

He gave an update on the State Complex biomass project.

Mr. McKeever reported the federal government Environmental Protection Agency's reversal of parts of the Clean Air Act are going to have a negative impact on the air and water in the Adirondacks. He thanked Governor Cuomo for taking a strong stand on State environmental regulations.

Mr. McKeever read and presented Fred Monroe with a retirement resolution. Mr. Monroe received a standing ovation in appreciation for his many years of service throughout the Park. Mr. McKeever welcomed Gerry Delaney as the Local Government Review Board's representative to the APA Board.

6. Review of 2019 Agency Meeting Schedule

Ms. Feldman discussed the proposed 2019 meeting schedule and asked members to consider it for approval next month. Mr. Austin said the meetings falling on the third week of the month would conflict with other commitments. Ms. Feldman said they would discuss it further.

7. Committee Assignments

Ms. Feldman reviewed new committee assignments and the Board agreed with the changes.

8. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

Full Agency

Ms. Feldman reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 2:35 pm.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Board unanimously approved P2018-24, Charles and Lori Anders, authorizing a variance request to expand a single-family dwelling located within the shoreline setback.

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Board unanimously approved P2018-73, Christmas and Associates, authorizing a subdivision of 416 acres into 15 lots ranging in size from 10 acres to 75 acres. One lot contains an existing single-family dwelling. Fourteen lots will be building lots. Seven lots will have shoreline on Maple Lake, a private impounded lake located entirely within the project site.

b) State Land Committee

On motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Board unanimously authorized the Generic Campground UMP Amendment to proceed to public comment.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Board unanimously authorized the Eagle Point Public Campground UMP to proceed to public comment.

On motion by Ms. Mahoney, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Board unanimously authorized the Brown Tract Pond Public Campground UMP to proceed to public comment.

c) Park Policy and Planning Committee

Dr. Dawson updated the Board on the ongoing work of the Energy Committee. He said the committee will work to further develop the updated energy policy and bring it back to the Board. He said the vote to proceed to public comment was tabled.

2) Interim Reports

a) Local Government Services Committee

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

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

3) Old Business

None

4) New Business

None

5) Public Comment

None

6) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe thanked the Board for the resolution. He said he was privileged to have represented the people of the Park in his position as Executive Director of the Local Government Review Board. He said he enjoyed working with the Board and felt they could disagree without being disagreeable. He expressed confidence that Mr. Delaney would be successful as his replacement and wished him well. He said he had enjoyed working with Mr. Thomas for 26 years and Mr. Stegemann for over 30 years. He thanked Ms. Martino and commented on the work they did on the Adirondack Regional Assessment project. He thanked Ms. Reynolds. He said he was appreciative of APA staff and particularly Mr. Weber and Mr. McKeever.

7) Member Comment

Mr. Thomas said Mr. Monroe was always a calming influence and that he would miss him. He wished him luck going forward and welcomed Mr. Delaney.

Dr. Dawson thanked Mr. Monroe for his years of public service.

Mr. Austin said the residents, communities, and the Board were lucky to have worked with Mr. Monroe.

Mr. Stegemann said Mr. Monroe was reasoned and thoughtful and always willing to engage. He said Mr. Monroe could turn tensions into healthy tensions. He wished Mr. Delaney luck.

Mr. Ernst thanked Mr. Monroe for his years of service. He said Mr. Monroe had the ability to lessen tensions and give constructive advice.

Mr. Lussi said he and the Board would miss the wealth of knowledge and history Mr. Monroe possessed. He wished him well.

Mr. Wilt thanked Mr. Monroe and said it was a pleasure serving with him. He thanked staff and Mr. Weber for their work.

Ms. Mahoney said it was a delight working with Mr. Monroe. She said his knowledge of the Agency, Park and municipalities would be missed.

Ms. Reynolds said she enjoyed working with Mr. Monroe and appreciated how much she had learned from him.

Ms. Feldman thanked the Board for their work and congratulated the State Land team. She thanked Jennifer Hubbard and Dr. Dawson for their work on the Energy policy. She told Mr. Monroe his leaving was another end of an era. She said she had known him for 20 years and appreciated his incredible graciousness and all he taught her over the years. She said Mr. Delaney would do great on the job and anticipated a seamless transition. On behalf of the Board, she presented Mr. Monroe with a photo of the Essex Chain signed by Carl Heilman.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Karen Feldman, Acting Chair

Attachments: P2018-24
P2018-73