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Governor

Adirondack Park Agency

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 8/29/19

July 11, 2019

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, July 11, 2019

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES, AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Brad Austin, Presiding Member, Designee, NYS Dept. of Economic Development
Chad Dawson, Member
John Ernst, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
William Thomas, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Lynne Mahoney, Designee, NYS Dept. of State
Robert Stegemann, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Christopher Cooper, Counsel
Terry Martino, Executive Director

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Jerry Delaney, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Kathy Regan, Supervisor, Natural Resources Analysis
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Robyn Burgess, AP Local Planning Assistance Specialist
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel
Paul Van Cott, Associate Attorney
Christian Blue, Environmental Program Specialist
Shaun LaLonde, Professional Engineer 2
Emily O'Mahoney, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Aaron Ziemann, Associate Project Analysis
Bart Haralson, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Sarah Staab, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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Presiding Member Austin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Public Comment

None

2. Approval of June 13 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2019. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Recusals

Mr. Lussi recused himself from P2019-59, Placid Gold, LLC.

4. Motion for Executive Session

On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously approved the motion for Executive Session. Following the session, Mr. Austin reported the ongoing litigation cases were discussed, and no action was taken.

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino thanked Mr. Austin for presiding at this meeting.

Ms. Martino expressed her condolences to the family of Gary Randorf. She paid tribute to him and his environmental conservation work throughout the Park with a slide show of his photography.

She thanked the Governor for the passage of climate change legislation. She said staff would be attending the Interagency Climate Adaptation and Resilience Work Group (ICARWG) workshop on July 16th in Delmar.

Ms. Martino applauded the passage of the Health and Safety Land Account which will allow for greater public safety and protection of Forest Preserve lands.

Ms. Martino reported that Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) received a grant from the Department to continue their work through 2023.

She said it was encouraging news that the Leave No Trace Center would be partnering with ADK and the Department to provide programs for hiker education at high-use trail heads. She said the programs would take place August 7 through August 14.

Ms. Martino announced the promotion of Devan Korn to Environmental Program Specialist 2. She said recruitment continues for an Assistant Engineer position.

She said staff will be attending the 13th annual Common Ground Alliance meeting on July 24th.

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. Austin reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:00 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Board unanimously approved P2019-77, McKavanagh Pond Club Inc., a timber harvest on a 102-acre portion of a 9,808-acre property owned by McKavanagh Pond Club in the Town of Waverly, Franklin County.

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Board unanimously approved P2019-42, Summer Vibes, LLC, variance request to expand a pre-existing single-family dwelling located within the shoreline setback of Upper Saranac Lake with a proposed addition of a 580-square-foot deck in the Town of Santa Clara, Franklin County.

Mr. Lussi recused himself. On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Board unanimously approved P2019-59, Placid Gold, LLC, the conversion of an existing 200-seat restaurant into a tourist accommodation containing three living units, and expansion of the structure by 54 square feet to the non-shoreline side.

Mr. Lussi returned to the meeting.

b) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Ernst reported on the Improving Habitat for Forest Birds presentation by Suzanne Treyger, Forest Program Manager, Audubon New York, Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

c) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Board unanimously accepted the FSEIS for the Town of Westport Map Amendment allowing for ministerial changes as needed.

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Board unanimously approved the staff recommendation to approve the Town of Westport Map Amendment 2018-02 and to approve the Order allowing for ministerial changes as needed upon issuance of the SEQR finding statement. A copy of the FSEIS and Order as accepted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

d) State Land Committee

On motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Thomas the committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its June meeting.

2) Interim Reports

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

7) Old Business

None

8) New Business

None

9) Public Comment

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skiers Association, commented on his group's frustration with the inaction on backcountry skiing. He also commented on the hazards of hiker parking on Rt. 73 and thanked Mr. Stegemann for the Department's efforts to mitigate the parking hazards. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Dan Plumley, Totem Adk, presented information on a new employee of his business. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

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Peter Bauer, Protect! The Adirondacks, commented on the decision in favor of Protect! on tree cutting for snowmobile trails. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Dave Gibson, Adirondack Wild, commented on the Conservation Design bill. He complimented Ariel Lynch for her work on the Woodward Lake subdivision. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

10) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Delaney stated that the Local Government Review Board is committed to hearing all opinions. He commended the Board for finding balance for all people in the Park when considering UMP planning.

11) Member Comment

Mr. Stegemann paid tribute to Gary Randorf.

Mr. Wilt announced the Adirondack Lakes Alliance, Inc. 2019 Symposium at Paul Smith's College on August 1 and encouraged people to attend.

Mr. Lussi shared experiences he had with Gary Randorf. He addressed comments being made regarding Board membership and said that sitting on the Board subjected members to continuing education enabling them to be better managers of the Park.

Mr. Ernst said Gary Randorf was a common-sense voice for the environment.

Ms. Martino thanked Keith McKeever for putting together the presentation of Gary Randorf's photographs. She said it benefits all when we appreciate the work of others. She said she looks forward to the issuance of the revised APSLMP.

Mr. Austin applauded staff for their work. He said he appreciated the Audubon presentation by Suzanne Treyger.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Brad Austin, Presiding Member

Attachments: P2019-77
P2019-42
P2019-59

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