



Adirondack Park Agency

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Governor

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Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 9/25/19

September 12-13, 2019

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, September 12, 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
Robert Lore, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Shaun LaLonde, Professional Engineer 2
Alicia Purzycki, Professional Engineer 1
Sam Boese, Assistant Engineer
Devan Korn, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Jennifer Hubbard, Senior Attorney
Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Planning
Emily O'Mahoney, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Aaron Ziemann, Associate Project Analysis
Milt Adams, 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 July 11 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2019. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Recusals

Mr. Wilt recused himself from P2019-51, Daniel Wilt, Wilt Industries, Inc.

4. Motion for Executive Session

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Lussi, 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 gave an update on the ongoing paving project at the Ray Brook Complex.

Ms. Martino reported Mr. Weber would be participating in Governor Cuomo's Cell Tower Task Force initiative. Mr. Weber will be involved in planning discussions, identifying under-served areas, and regulatory requirements.

Ms. Martino announced Dan Kelleher's participation in the Upstate Capital Association meeting being held at the Hotel Saranac. She said the Upstate Capital Association works to connect angel investors with local businesses.

She commented on a recent NCPR article about the rewilding of the Boquet River in the Town of Willsboro. The Agency had issued a non-jurisdictional letter for the removal of the dam and stabilization of shoreline erosion through a variance in 2014 for the construction of two logjam structures and a rockery crib wall. Removal of the dam allowed for salmon repopulation which will eventually provide an economic benefit to the community.

Ms. Martino congratulated Town of Horicon Supervisor Matt Simpson for recognition by the Adirondack Lakes Alliance for his waterway's stewardship in the Park. He also serves on the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages which plays a role in the prevention of invasive species. She thanked Mr. Simpson on behalf of the Agency.

She commented on the Northern Border Regional Commission's award to Elizabethtown for a \$250,000 infrastructure grant to upgrade its recreational economy. She said the funding will help to connect the school's mountain bike trail to a larger trail system.

Ms. Martino announced the appointment of Robert Lore, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs, and Sam Boese, Assistant Engineer.

6. Review of 2020 Agency Meeting Schedule

Mr. Austin asked for comments on the proposed 2020 meeting schedule. Ms. Mahoney asked if the March meeting could be moved either earlier or later due to conflicts with her schedule. It was suggested that the March meeting could possibly be held on a Tuesday and Wednesday of that week or moved to the earlier or later week. Mr. Austin said the schedule would be looked at and readdressed at the next Board meeting.

7. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM. Following the meeting, Board members and staff toured the SUNY Albany Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and Whiteface Observatory, Wilmington, NY.

Friday, September 13, 2019

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES, AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

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Chad Dawson, Member
John Ernst, Member
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John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Robyn Burgess, AP Local Planning Assistance Specialist
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel
Shaun LaLonde, Professional Engineer 2
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

Mr. Austin reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 11:40 a.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

Mr. Wilt recused himself. On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Board unanimously approved P2019-51, Daniel Wilt, Wilt Industries, Inc. a two-lot subdivision to create a 32.3-acre lot developed by an existing industrial use accessed from State Rte. 8 and a 4.4-acre vacant building lot with access from Longview Drive, in the Town of Lake Pleasant, Hamilton County.

Mr. Wilt returned to the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Board unanimously approved P2019-123, Lyme Timber Company, a material amendment of Agency Permit 2017-0070, which authorized timber harvesting on a 450±-acre project site. This project is an expansion of the timber harvest to also include an adjacent 97± acres of mixed silvicultural treatments in the Town of Westport, Essex County.

Mr. Wilt commented on the presentation of the public comments and draft order for the General Permit/ Order for the Replacement of Utility Poles.

b) Local Government Services Committee

Mr. Wilt reported on the Delegation Authority presentation and the upcoming Local Land Use Program amendments. He reminded the Board the Local Government Day conference would be held April 29-30, 2020.

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution on Amendments to the Town of Chester Zoning Local Law. A copy of the resolution as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

c) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

Mr. Thomas reported on the presentation by Paul Casson, Operations Manager for the SUNY Albany Atmospheric Sciences Research Center on Whiteface Mountain. He commented on the site visit to the research facility and the renovated mountain elevator.

d) State Land Committee

Mr. Ernst reported on Mr. Weber's overview of Wildlands Monitoring.

On motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Primitive Tent Site Guidance's APSLMP Conformance.

On motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously authorized the Sentinel Range Wilderness UMP to proceed to public comment on APSLMP conformance.

2) Interim Reports

a) Park Ecology Committee

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its July meeting.

b) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Austin, the committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its July meeting.

The Administration, Economic Affairs, Enforcement, and Legal Affairs committees did not meet this month.

8) Old Business

None

9) New Business

None

10) Public Comment

Pete Nelson, Adirondack Wilderness Advocates, applauded the Agency and Department for considering a visitor use planning model. His complete comments can be viewed on the website above.

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skiers Association, commented on his participation in a recent wilderness rescue. He asked that the backcountry skiing focus group reconvene to progress the issue of trail cutting. His complete comments can be viewed on the website above.

11) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Delaney said he agreed with the idea that Agency permitting should coordinate with local government permitting in order to keep a project moving. He commented on timber cutting processes and called for changes that make silvicultural sense and which should be mirrored in a permit. He agreed that UMPs should be streamlined.

12) Member Comment

Ms. Mahoney appreciated the tour to Whiteface. She updated the Board on the recent Northern Border Regional Commission's grants.

Mr. Wilt commented on the tour. He welcomed Mr. Lore and thanked Mr. Weber for his past service in Regulatory Programs. He thanked Ms. Burgess for her presentations.

Mr. Lussi thanked Mr. Austin for presiding at the Board meetings. He thanked staff and the Board for their work. He commented on the tour of Whiteface. He applauded the use of shuttles to disperse hikers in the Park.

Mr. Ernst commented on the tour. He welcomed Mr. Boese to the Agency as a much needed third engineer.

Mr. Thomas said he enjoyed the tour and appreciated the work of the elevator operator. He said he struggled through the long UMPs on the mailing CDs and welcomed work to streamline the UMP process.

Dr. Dawson said his comments on timber cutting were meant to encourage the balance of the forest environment with the forest industry. He said he would like some discussion and/or presentation on diversity in the Park.

Mr. Stegemann announced the promotion of Kris Alberga to the Natural Resource Supervisor. He thanked staff, and Mr. Guglielmi in particular, for their work on the Sentinel Range Wilderness UMP. He thanked Mr. Frank and Mr. McNamara for their work on the Primitive Tent Site Guidance. He thanked Essex County and Supervisor Joe Pete Wilson for providing shuttle buses to help disperse hikers in the Park.

Ms. Martino welcomed Mr. Boese and Mr. Lore. She commented on the tour to Whiteface.

Mr. Austin thanked Department and Agency staff for their work. He thanked the Agency legal staff for their ongoing work. He thanked Ms. Martino and Mr. McKeever for arranging the Board site visit.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Brad Austin, Presiding Member

Attachments: P2019-51
P2019-123