



## Adirondack Park Agency

ANDREW M. CUOMO  
Governor

TERRY MARTINO  
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 10/30/19

**October 10-11, 2019**

### **ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING**

**Thursday, October 10, 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  
Devan Korn, Environmental Program Specialist 2  
Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Planning  
Emily O'Mahoney, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Kathy Regan, Supervisor, Natural Resources  
Beth Phillips, Senior Attorney  
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 3  
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 September 12-13. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

**3. Recusals**

Executive Director Martino recused herself from P2019-23, John Looes.

**4. Motion for Executive Session**

None

**5. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Martino reported that she and Mr. Cooper were joined by Ms. Mahoney at the I Love NY Oktoberfest. She said they participated in the bike ride and biathlon at Mt. Van Hoevenberg. She said over 400 people, including Lt. Governor Hochul, attended.

Ms. Martino highlighted the work being done by Mr. Weber on the Cell Tower Task Force. She thanked Ariel Lynch and Molly Jordan for their work mapping current tower locations.

Ms. Martino reported that Senator Kaminsky, his wife, and Assemblyman Englebright attended a meeting at the Agency on September 27. Agency staff gave an overview of land use within the Park.

She commented on a court ruling from U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia that upheld the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule. She said science proves that regulations work to protect air and water quality as evidenced with trout repopulating Lake Colden. She noted we heard a similar message in the September tour of the Whiteface Observatory. She commended Greta Thunberg for her participation in climate strikes and creating a youth climate change movement around the world. Ms. Martino said there was great participation locally as well as through local schools and the Wild Center.

## **6. Review of 2020 Agency Meeting Schedule**

On motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously approved the 2020 Board meeting schedule. Dr. Dawson said he would not be attending the February 2020 meeting.

## **7. 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM. Following the meeting, Board members and Agency and Department staff participated in a site visit to Little Green Pond, Saranac Lakes Wild Forest, and St. Regis Canoe Area to learn about the planning and monitoring associated with primitive tent sites.

**Friday, October 11, 2019**

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

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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 9:00 a.m.

**1) Committee Reports**

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Board unanimously approved the General Permit/ Order for the Replacement of Utility Poles.

Ms. Martino was recused. On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Board unanimously approved P2019-23, John Looes, for a seven-lot subdivision

to create six vacant building lots on one 162-acre lot containing existing residential development, in the Town of Black Brook, Clinton County.

Ms. Martino returned to the meeting.

b) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Ernst reported on the presentation by Mr. Mark Lowery, Assistant Director, NYS DEC Office of Climate Change, on the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

c) State Lands Committee

On motion of Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Board authorized the Blue Mountain Wild Forest UMP amendment to proceed to joint public comment with DEC.

Mr. Ernst commented on the site visit and suggested a yearly report be created to capture the progress of approved State Land projects. Ms. Martino asked the members to generate ideas for more UMP site visits such as trail design.

d) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

Mr. Thomas reported on the presentation by Maddie Phaneuf on her work on climate change as a member of Protect Our Winters and the Protect Our Winters Riders Alliance.

## 2) Interim Reports

a) Local Government Services Committee

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

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

## 8) Old Business

None

## 9) New Business

None

## **10) Public Comment**

Mr. Charles Fitzgerald commented on the Looes subdivision and expressed his concerns about protecting the resources in the area. His complete comments can be viewed on the website above.

Ms. Karen D'Avignor commented on the Looes subdivision and said she felt surrounding landowners' opinions on the matter had not been given enough consideration. Her complete comments can be viewed on the website above.

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

Mr. Delaney commented on climate change and expressed his concerns regarding economic growth within the Park. He said the lack of cell towers in the Park is a safety issue and called for additional towers. He encouraged people to embrace the use of more forest products.

## **12) Member Comment**

Ms. Mahoney acknowledged the public commenters and apologized that they felt their voices had not been heard. She commented on the presentations. She said the site visit was very helpful and helped to visualize the work being done. She said she would like to see a template developed for monitoring.

Mr. Wilt reminded members of Local Government Day on April 29-30, 2020.

Mr. Lussi thanked the public commenters. He said the Agency takes permitting very seriously and their comments did matter and were considered. He commented on the overuse in the Park and trail construction at Mt. Van Hoevenberg. He recommended the Agency continue to incorporate site visits for the Board.

Mr. Ernst said he found the site visit very helpful. He stressed the importance of monitoring. He commented on the presentations and the work being done to combat climate change.

Mr. Thomas thanked Agency and Department staff for arranging the tour. He said site visits would be very helpful in planning going forward.

Dr. Dawson suggested three possible presentations to consider in the coming months: Subdivision policy and law; what are the populations in the Park and what do they need; and diversity in the Park and how to increase it.

Mr. Stegemann said the Department is currently addressing the issue of diversity in the Park. He said DEC, local governments, enforcement officers, and State Police are

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working together to manage overuse and parking problems. He said the repopulation of trout in Lake Colden is a step in the right direction for climate change and air quality. He commented on the progress being made on the fight against invasive species.

Ms. Martino said she felt the site visit had created a great dialog among members. She commented on the climate change presentations and said the Agency will continue to work with the Governor's Climate Act committees. She thanked staff for their work on the General Permit for the replacement of utility poles and said it would be a useful tool going forward. She thanked Department and Agency staff for the site visit and Mr. Austin for presiding.

Mr. Austin said he appreciated the site visit. He told the public commenters the Agency is statutorily required to review all comments on projects and they are taken seriously. He commented on the climate activism by Greta Thunberg and said the youth are bringing climate change to the forefront.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Brad Austin, Presiding Member

Attachments: P2019-23