



Adirondack Park Agency

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 3/25/20

March 19, 2020

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 2020

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES, AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Brad Austin, Presiding Member, Designee, Empire State Development
John Ernst, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
William Thomas, Member
Lynne Mahoney, Designee, NYS Dept. of State
Dan Wilt, Member
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

Robert Lore, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Richard Weber, Deputy Director, Planning
Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer

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http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?g_id=2

Presiding Member Brad Austin called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Mr. Austin said the Board was meeting remotely due to the COVID-19 virus. He thanked staff for putting together the unprecedented remote meeting. He thanked the Governor for his leadership in the pandemic crisis. He reported public comment could be submitted via the website or in writing to Counsel Cooper via the agency. He asked members to identify themselves when speaking.

1. Approval of February 13-14, 2020 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of February 13-14, 2020. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency. Mr. Austin abstained due to his absence at the February meeting.

2. Recusals

Mr. Lussi recused himself from the ORDA discussion.

3. Motion for Executive Session

None

4. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino thanked Bob Kreider for implementing the remote meeting.

Ms. Martino thanked the essential staff working in the building and non-essential staff participating in the Board meeting from home. She thanked maintenance staff for doing an excellent job sanitizing the building on a continual basis.

She reported that Mr. Kreider was implementing Virtual Desktop Interface (VDI) to allow staff to access Agency data necessary to work remotely.

Ms. Martino thanked the Governor for his pro-active approach to dealing with the coronavirus.

She noted that this meeting would be Bob Stegemann's last due to his upcoming retirement. She thanked him for his contributions over the last eight years and said he would be greatly missed. She announced Paul Van Cott retired in February and wished him the best in all future endeavors.

5. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 12:45 p.m.

Presiding Member Austin reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 2:30 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

Mr. Wilt reported that the Committee received an overview of three projects by Robert Lore, Deputy Director Regulatory Programs: P2018-207, MGH Estates, LLC involving the subdivision of a 146.06±-acre parcel to create seven residential lots, each to be developed with one single-family dwelling, and an eighth retained lot. Each dwelling will be served by an on-site wastewater treatment system and on-site water supply in the Town of Edinburg, Saratoga County;

2019-125, Huttopia Adirondack Properties, LLC, involving a new seasonally-operated tourist accommodation involving 101 prefabricated tourist accommodation structures ranging in size from 215± square feet to 269± square feet and 10 containing 525± square feet of floor space. All of the proposed tourist accommodation structures will be connected to water, electric, and wastewater utilities, except for 15 that will have electric only and be served by a shared bathhouse. A common area with a pool, a playground, and a 3,000±-square-foot building containing the main office, a recreation area, and a 58-seat café and lounge is also proposed in the Town of Lake Luzerne, Warren County;

P2019-213, ORDA Convention Center, involving Olympic Center Modernization including the following: (1) construction of a new three-story parking garage to the southwest of the USA arena with 256 parking spaces; (2) construction of a two-story addition to the southwest corner of the USA arena; (3) changes to the Main Street entrance (i.e., Link Building); (4) changes at the Oval; (5) plaza development in front of the 1932 arena to provide a pedestrian connection between the 1932 arena and the new main entrance in the Town of North Elba, Essex County.

Mr. Wilt said the Deputy Director will finalize and issue the permits and order through his delegated authority.

b) State Land Committee

On motion of Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Board unanimously authorized the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor UMP Amendment to proceed to public comment on APSLMP conformance from March 20 through April 20, 2020.

Mr. Ernst commented on the report on Adirondack Visitor Use Management. He thanked Agency and Department staff for their combined work in developing a monitoring system.

c) Park Policy and Planning Committee

Dr. Dawson reported on the Town of Lake Luzerne Map Amendment presentation and said the Executive Director will work with staff to proceed to the hearing and a public comment period.

2) Interim Reports

a) Economic Affairs Committee

On motion by Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the committee adopted the Draft minutes of its November meeting with Mr. Austin abstaining due to his absence in February.

The Administration, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Local Government Services, Park Ecology, and Public Awareness did not meet this month. Mr. Lussi said the Board did not proceed with two enforcement matters this month and they would be addressed at a later date. He said the Brampton enforcement matter was referred to the Attorney General.

6) Old Business

None

7) New Business

None

8) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Delaney said the ability to work remotely is affected by broadband. He expressed disappointment at the need to cancel the Local Government Day conference. He said it had been a pleasure working with Mr. Stegemann and wished him well in retirement.

9) Member Comment

Mr. Wilt thanked Rob Lore and the presenters for working through the remote meeting challenges. He said he always remembered Mr. Stegemann saying at a meeting that he wanted to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Mr. Wilt said that was a good motto to have as a Board member.

Ms. Mahoney said it had been a delight working with Mr. Stegemann and offered best wishes in his retirement.

Mr. Lussi offered kudos to Bob Kreider for his work on the remote meeting. He said Mr. Stegemann brought a wealth of information from the private sector to the government sector. He said the APA and DEC are working together for better solutions.

Mr. Ernst said it had been a pleasure working with Mr. Stegemann and he would be missed. He said he was enthusiastic about the report on visitor use and monitoring in the park.

Mr. Thomas thanked Mr. Austin for presiding, and Mr. Kreider and staff for their work to enable the meeting to happen. He said Mr. Stegemann was a great representative for the DEC and would be greatly missed.

Dr. Dawson thanked staff for making the meeting possible. He congratulated Mr. Stegemann on his retirement.

Mr. Stegemann thanked members for their comments. He said he felt in his eight years on the Board, many matters were addressed. He thanked Dr. Dawson for challenging members' thinking. He said the members made a great Board and appreciated the Agencies working together. He thanked the DEC Commissioner and Governor for giving him the opportunity to serve. He said he would miss everyone but would remain in the area.

Mr. Cooper thanked everyone for their patience. He said all staff continue to work hard to fulfill Agency requirements.

Ms. Martino thanked Mr. Kreider and staff for making the remote meeting possible. She thanked Mr. Stegemann and said he would be missed. She said he had brought so much to the Board. She wished all to stay safe and healthy.

Mr. Austin thanked everyone for making the meeting possible. He thanked Mr. Stegemann for his work. He said as a new Board member, he was told to just follow Mr. Stegemann's lead. He asked him to stay in touch.

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

Brad Austin, Presiding Member

Attachments:

P2018-207
P2019-125
P2019-213

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