



Adirondack Park Agency

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 8/4/20

July 16, 2020

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, July 16, 2020

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES, AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Brad Austin, Presiding Member, Designee, Empire State Development
Chad Dawson, Member
John Ernst, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
Mark Hall, Member
Andrea Hogan, Member
Ken Lynch, Member
Zoe Smith, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Matt Tebo, Designee, NYS Dept. of State
Joe Zalewski, 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

None

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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 asked members to identify themselves when speaking. He took role call and welcomed the new members. He thanked the reappointed and continuing members.

1. Approval of May 14, 2020 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2020. The new members abstained as they were not present for the May meeting and Mr. Zalewski abstained since he was not at the May meeting. All other votes were in favor. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

2. Recusals

None

3. Motion for Executive Session

None

4. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino congratulated the new members Mark Hall, Andrea Hogan, Ken Lynch, and Zoe Smith. She thanked the reappointed members and Dr. Dawson's continuation. She welcomed Matt Tebo who was substituting for Lynne Mahoney. She said she spoke to Bill Thomas who expressed his happiness for the new members. She noted a farewell to Mr. Thomas was posted on the Agency website.

Ms. Martino said there had been three recent staff retirements and those duties had been redistributed to other staff.

Ms. Martino thanked Governor Cuomo for his response to the Coronavirus. She discussed the health and safety protocols in place at the Agency. She thanked staff for their work during the pandemic.

She reported on the racist messaging that took place in Saranac Lake and other places in the North Country. She said the Agency stands with the Local Government Review Board's letter in opposition of these actions. She said the Adirondack Diversity Initiative was offering listening sessions.

5. Committee Assignments

Mr. Austin reviewed new committee assignments and the Board concurred with the recommended assignments. He said the assignments may change when there is a new chair. He encouraged the new members to note if they have preferences for certain committees.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 1:45 p.m.

Presiding Member Austin reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 2:45 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously approved P2019-197, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T), the installation of a new self-supporting 150-foot-tall monopole telecommunications tower within a 36-foot by 60-foot leased area adjacent to the existing Town of Newcomb water storage tank in the Town of Newcomb, Essex County.

b) Park Policy and Planning Committee

Dr. Dawson noted that these brief reviews of the committee meetings are helpful during two-day meetings.

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Hall, the Board unanimously accepted the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the North Elba Map Amendment, MA 2020-01, and authorized the Executive Director to make ministerial changes and to finalize and issue the Findings Statement no less than ten days from publication in the ENB.

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Board unanimously accepted the staff recommendation to approve Map Amendment 2020-01 to reclassify 32 acres of land classified as Moderate Intensity to Hamlet in the Town of North Elba, Essex County, and to approve the Order presented, to be finalized, including any ministerial changes, and executed by the Deputy Director of Planning upon issuance of the SEQR Findings Statement.

c) State Land Committee

On motion of Mr. Ernst, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Agency unanimously authorized the Essex Chain Lakes UMP Amendment to proceed to public comment concurrently with the Department until August 14, 2020.

2) Interim Reports

The Administration, Economic Affairs, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Local Government Services, and Park Ecology committees did not meet this month. Mr. Lussi said there are still two Enforcement cases pending.

7) Old Business

None

8) New Business

None

9) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Delaney said he looks forward to face-to-face meetings as he had trouble with the remote meeting presentations. He suggested sending the PowerPoint presentations ahead of the meetings. He said he supported the Lake Placid hamlet expansion. He said that on behalf of the Local Government Review Board, he welcomed discussion on the Agency's towers policy.

9) Member Comment

Dr. Dawson said he also looks forward to in-person meetings. He thanked Bob Kreider for his technical assistance. He welcomed the new members.

Mr. Ernst welcomed the new members. He suggested doing a training session on how Enforcement settlement decisions are made. He thanked everyone involved with the Common Ground Alliance meeting.

Mr. Wilt welcomed the new members. He thanked staff and Mr. Kreider for their continued remote work. He said he welcomed discussion on the towers policy.

Mr. Lussi welcomed the new members and said they would serve the Park well. He credited DEC staff on meeting the challenges of opening campgrounds. He said the DEC stocking program appeared successful due to the number of Osprey nests.

Mr. Tebo welcomed the new members on behalf of the Department of State. He said he enjoyed attending the Board meetings in Ms. Mahoney's absence. He thanked the Board and staff for their work. He encouraged discussion on the towers policy.

Mr. Hall said he had spoken with Sherm Craig who sent his best to all. He said Mr. Craig has made his permanent home in Florida. Mr. Hall said he had a lot to learn and thanked the Board for its patience. He said he looks forward to in-person meetings.

Ms. Hogan expressed her gratitude to all for their patience. She thanked Ms. Martino and Mr. Kreider for their help. She said she was excited to work with the Board.

Mr. Lynch thanked Mr. Kreider and APA and Department staff for their work. He said he looks forward to in-person meetings.

Ms. Smith thanked everyone for their work. She said she also looks forward to in-person meetings. She said she supports discussion on the towers policy. She also encouraged work with the Adirondack Diversity Initiative. Mr. Austin said the Board had heard a presentation by ADI and would follow up.

Mr. Zalewski thanked Mr. Lussi for his comments on DEC campgrounds. He said DEC staff do great work.

Mr. Cooper welcomed the new members.

Ms. Martino welcomed the new members. She thanked all for their work in these challenging times. She thanked Mr. Kreider and Ms. Stankus for their technical support. She said the Agency will continue practicing health and safety protocols.

Mr. Austin thanked Ms. Martino, staff and Mr. Kreider for continuing the important work of the Agency. He said to fill out the census and wear masks.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Brad Austin, Presiding Member

Attachments:

P2019-197