



Adirondack Park Agency

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December 16, 2021

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, December 16, 2021

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES, AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

John Ernst, Chairperson
Mark Hall, Member
Andrea Hogan, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
Ken Lynch, Member
Zoe Smith, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Brad Austin, Designee, Empire State Development
Matt Tebo, Designee, NYS Dept. of State
Joe Zalewski, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Christopher Cooper, Counsel
Terry Martino, Executive Director

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

None

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Jerry Delaney, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Amy Hall

Chairperson John Ernst called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He noted that the meeting was being held virtually due to COVID numbers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was conducted via a call-in link.

Louanne Cossa, Ralph Cossa, Virginia Vorhis, Regina Balzano, Joann Isgro, Sheila Cuccaro, Joe Turczyn, Deborah Dempsey, Sarah Cotter, Renee Lee, and Patrick

Tamburro spoke about concerns related to the proposed White Lake Granite Quarry project. Among the topics of concern the variety of comments expressed were noise, water quality, the access road, dust, and impacts to wildlife. A few of the speakers also noted that the area is more residential than commercial and expressed doubts about how many jobs will be created.

Chairperson Ernst thanked them for their comments and asked that they please also submit them to the Board in writing.

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1. Approval of November 18, 2021 Agency Minutes

On motion of Dan Wilt, seconded by Mark Hall, the Agency approved the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2021. Joe Zalewski abstained. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

2. Recusals

Art Lussi recused himself from the Dual Development, LLC presentation.

3. Motion for Executive Session

None

4. Executive Director's Report

Terry Martino welcomed everyone to the last Board meeting of 2021 and said Staff, following on the previous month's solar planning discussion, prepared an outline of resource information available at various agencies including NYSERDA, the Tug Hill Commission, and the Office of Renewable Energy services which will be made available to communities at the start of the new year. The distribution will include a set of survey questions about community intentions to plan for solar and where the Agency can be of assistance. Terry Martino reported on a recent discussion with executives at ORES and said we will be looking at scheduling a date in the new year to have ORES staff at a Board meeting.

Executive Director Martino discussed that executive staff and the chair have met recently with the Adirondack Council regarding their Vision 2050 report and commended the Council for the engagement and for providing an expansive setting for food for thought about the Adirondack Park.

The continuation of high levels of jurisdictional inquiries was noted along with the work that will be undertaken to compile data across the divisions regarding an annual accounting. Staff appointments to the Agency were announced including Ashley Peck to the position of Office Assistant 1 and the promotion of Alicia Purzycki to the position of Professional Engineer 2. Martino thanked the Chair for completing the committee assignments and welcomed members to their new appointments.

5. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Chairperson Ernst the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:38 a.m.

Chairperson Ernst reconvened the Full Agency at 1:22 p.m.

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6. Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion of Dan Wilt, seconded by Matt Tebo, the Agency approved P2021-0251, Dual Development, LLC, which involves the replacement of a 73-unit hotel building with a new hotel, 53 feet in height with 185 guest rooms. Art Lussi recused himself from this matter.

b) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

Mark Hall noted the presentation by Sarah Reynolds on APA 101: Permitting Review and Procedures and said the Board and public benefit from the overview of the Agency's work.

c) Park Policy & Planning Committee

On motion by Andrea Hogan, seconded by Mark Hall, the Agency voted, all in favor except Zoe Smith dissenting, to move the draft Environmental Impact Statement to public comment for MA2021-01, a request by the Town of Warrensburg for two Amendments to the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map.

7. Interim Reports

The Administration, State Land, Economic Affairs, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Park Ecology, and Public Awareness and Communication committees did not meet this month.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Public Comment

None

11. Local Government Review Board Comment

Jerry Delaney stated that he supports Art Lussi speaking out during the map amendment presentation about concerns with the request and believes it will assist local government leaders preparing to submit such proposals to the Agency.

12. Member Comment

Mark Hall thanked Chairperson Ernst for the new committee chair assignments and is looking forward to working with the committees. Mark Hall commented that there had been good discussions during the meeting and ended by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Zoe Smith offered thanks to all staff involved in this month's meeting especially to Sarah Reynolds, Devan Korn, and Matt Kendall for their presentations. Zoe Smith also appreciated Jerry Delaney's perspective on the map amendment, thanked Chairperson Ernst for the leadership, and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Andrea Hogan thanked Chairperson Ernst for the committee chair position appointment and expressed enjoyment over the discussion that occurred during their meeting. Andrea Hogan thanked everyone for a good meeting, observed that while everyone is getting better at conducting meetings remotely there is still the hope for meetings to be in person, and wished all Happy Holidays.

Art Lussi commented there is no better thing than continuing education for the Board and enjoys learning new things even after being on the Board for a number of years. Art

Lussi appreciates the public commentators who do their homework and give thoughtful input on what is happening in their towns.

Ken Lynch commented that the new members are finding their way on the Board, believes that the training has been very helpful, and appreciates the opportunity to serve on the Board and in committees.

Joe Zalewski appreciates the continuing education for the Board, finding it beneficial, and even shared Sarah Reynold's presentation with co-workers at DEC.

Brad Austin hopes 2022 lives up to the promise of 2021 with some in-person meetings and wishes everyone Happy Holidays.

Matt Tebo thanked the presenters and the support staff, realizing how much work goes into bringing a presentation before the Board and wished all Happy Holidays.

Dan Wilt thanked Devan Korn, Matt Kendall, and Sarah Reynolds for their presentations, expressed enjoyment for always learning something new even after serving on the Board for a period of time, and ended by wishing everyone Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Counsel Chris Cooper wished all Happy Holidays and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Executive Director Martino thanked the Board for their patience with the timing of the meeting and said that in regard to the APA 101 training it is important to continue to make information available to the Board and the public. Executive Director Martino wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Chairperson John Ernst said that the education sessions are really valuable and that it is good to stop and think and make sure we are on the right track. Chairperson Ernst noted that the next Agency meeting will be on January 13th & 14th, and ended the meeting by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

John Ernst, Chairperson