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Thursday, April 11, 2014

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman
Richard Booth, Member
Sherman Craig, Member
Karen Feldman, Member
William Thomas, Member
William Valentino, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Brad Austin, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development
Lynn Mahoney, Designee, NYS Department of State
Karyn Richards, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Terry Martino, Executive Director
James Townsend, Counsel
Arthur Lussi, Absent and excused

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Kathy Regan, Senior Natural Resources Planner
Brian Grisi, Local Planning Assistance Specialist
Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Mary Reardon, Secretary 1
Robyn Burgess, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Fritz Aldinger, Environmental Program Specialist 1 Trainee
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

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Chairwoman Ulrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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1. Public Comment

Bill Farber, on behalf of AATV, thanked APA staff and Board, as well as all other agencies involved, for a great Local Government Day. He said the atmosphere this year was one of excitement versus contention. He attributed the change to the leadership of the Park, State agencies and local governments. His comments are available on the Agency website at the address listed above.

Chairwoman Ulrich thanked Mr. Farber for all his work which contributed to this success. She said the spirit of cooperation leaves more time to find solutions.

2. Approval of March 13-14, 2014 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of March 13-14, 2014. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino reported on the 17th Annual Local Government Day. She acknowledged Brian Grisi and Robyn Burgess for another great event. She commented on the strong leadership of local government on numerous projects. Ms. Martino repeated Chairwoman Ulrich's comments about a new normal for the Park, a new model of working together. She spoke of the innovation and character of the Best Events Awards competition.

Chairwoman Ulrich was pleased that Board members were at the event interacting with area leaders. Ms. Mahoney appreciated the reports from local government on the completion of their projects. Mr. Craig said the event was a great networking opportunity. Ms. Feldman thanked the staff and said they made the whole Agency look good.

Executive Director Martino reported on the DEC/APA Efficiency Project and the ongoing work that continues. Ms. Martino noted the Agency has planned an industrial development agency roundtable for May 14, 2014. She said the Agency hosted the public hearing for Hurricane and St. Regis Fire Towers and that staff will bring a recommendation to the Board in May.

Ms. Martino announced the appointment of Frederick "Fritz" Aldinger III to the position of Environmental Program Specialist 1 trainee on March 27. She also noted that Denise Wagner who previously worked for Enforcement and Regulatory Programs has now been transferred to the Jurisdictional Office.

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Ms. Martino presented the Earth Day Resolution. After a reading of the Resolution, the Agency adopted it by unanimous vote. Ms. Martino then discussed the Agency's Arboretum and plans for placing name plaques near current trees and planting of a new memorial tree to take place in May due to the snow.

4. Recusals

There were no recusals.

5. Motion for Executive Session

None

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Karen Feldman, seconded by Sherman Craig, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:30 a.m.

Full Agency

2:00 PM

Chairwoman Ulrich opened the meeting at 2:00 PM for committee reports.

1. Committee Reports

a. Regulatory Programs Committee

1). Mr. Craig reported on the presentation by the Essex County Emergency Communication Network. He said the committee approved the March 2014 minutes.

2). On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Agency unanimously approved the General Permit for Herbicide Treatment in Wetlands (G2014G-1).

3). On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Agency unanimously approved the General Permit for Utility Pole Installation in Wetlands (G2014G-2).

b. State Land Committee

On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Valentino, the Agency unanimously approved a resolution to seek public comment on the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area Unit Management Plan Amendment.

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c. Economic Affairs Committee

Chairwoman Ulrich reported on the Adirondack Teleworks Project presentation by Bill Murphy and on last month's presentation by Homeward Bound Adiondacks.

2. Interim Reports

The Administration, Park Policy and Planning, Enforcement, and Public Awareness and Communications, Park Ecology, Local Government Services and Legal Affairs Committees did not meet this month. Monthly reports were included in the mailing.

a. Local Government Services

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Committee unanimously approved the March 2014 Local Government Services Committee minutes.

b. Legal Affairs Committee

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Committee unanimously approved the March 2014 Legal Affairs Committee minutes.

3. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

4. Local Government Review Board Comment (F. Monroe, LGRB)

Mr. Monroe thanked everyone involved for a great job on Local Government Day. He said he heard only positive comments about the event. Mr. Monroe thanked the Board for the telework presentation. He said the possibilities of teleworking and biomass projects are important in the Park. He reported that the LGRB meeting would be held on April 30, 2014. Mr. Thomas said he and/or Mr. Wilt would attend.

5. Member Comments

Mr. Wilt thanked staff for a great Local Government Day. He said broadband in the Park is important so that weekenders could extend their weekends by working from home.

Mr. Booth congratulated all on a successful Local Government Day.

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Mr. Valentino said trout season is coming and he hoped the rivers melt safely.

Ms. Richards was impressed with Local Government Day and thanked staff.

Ms. Feldman reminded everyone about the Adirondack Day event happening in Albany May 5, 2014.

Mr. Craig enjoyed Local Government Day and said he looked forward to Adirondack Day.

Mr. Austin said he attended his first Local Government Day and thanked staff. He said the Chairwoman would be missed at the May meeting.

Mr. Thomas said Local Government Day was great. He said it was great to see the Agency and public working together. He said the Land Use maps were popular and staff should make sure local government officials receive them.

Mr. Townsend wished Happy Birthday to his daughter Sarah.

Ms. Martino remembered that the first Local Government was held at Paul Smiths College and how much it has grown and improved.

Ms. Ulrich thanked all for a phenomenal week and year.

6. Adjournment

By unanimous consent the Agency adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman