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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, June 12&13 2014, Agency Meeting, TDM:sas 10:30 AM 6/26/14

June 12 & 13, 2014

Thursday, June 12, 2014

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman
Richard Booth, Member
Sherman Craig, Member
Karen Feldman, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
William Thomas, Member
William Valentino, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Brad Austin, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development
Dierdre Scozzafava, Designee, NYS Department of State
Robert Stegemann, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Terry Martino, Executive Director
James Townsend, Counsel

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Kathy Regan, Senior Natural Resources Planner
Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Mary Reardon, Secretary 1
Amy Hall, Clerk 2
Mary Palmer, Keyboard Specialist 1
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Shaun Lalonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist
Jennifer McAleese, Senior Attorney
Virginia Yamrick, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Walt Linck, Assoc. Natural Resource Planner
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director
Ed Snizek, Supervisor, Natural Resource Analysis

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Video and MP3 audio recordings of the proceedings, including public comment, are available in their entirety via webcast at http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2.

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

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Approval of May 8 & 9, 2014 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of May 8 & 9, 2014 as corrected by Mr. Lussi. Chairwoman Ulrich abstained. 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 that the paths have been mowed to the plaques in the Arboretum and she encouraged people to explore the grounds using the brochure located in the lobby.

Ms. Martino announced that Governor Cuomo is offering a Citizen Preparedness Training Program at SUNY Plattsburgh Saturday, June, 14 at 10:00 AM. She said registration details are on the Agency's Facebook page.

Ms. Martino said she, Chairwoman Ulrich and Planning staff attended the AATV annual June membership meeting where the Deputy Secretary for the Environment, Basil Seggos, spoke. Mr. Seggos spoke of the continued commitment to the Adirondack Park and the important balance of environmental conservation and economic development. She and Dan Kelleher also attended the Economic Development Council meeting in Lake Placid. She said the Council is accepting Consolidated Funding Applications until June 16.

Ms. Martino reported on an Industrial Development Agency Roundtable where staff were joined by representatives from five counties. She said it was an opportunity to explain the current permitting process and who to contact at the Agency for assistance. She said this is important because the IDA's are a partner in promoting the Adirondacks as "open for business." Participants expressed interest in meeting annually.

The Executive Director spoke about the updated APRAP report which focuses on three of the facets of community life and infrastructure that were presented in the 2009 APRAP report. She said it will be important to keep our focus on being proactive in helping communities to thrive. Chairwoman Ulrich said she appreciates the

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continued support from Albany and that people need to focus on the future and develop positive work relationships. Mr. Booth said the report follows broader trends and they are not unique to the Adirondack Park.

Ms. Martino expressed her appreciation to the DEC for staff support on the UMPs and for DEC's success with the boat inspection stations in Lake George. Mr. Stegemann said the stations will be a learning process and are a good start on combating invasives.

Executive Director Martino read a resolution saluting Mike Hannon who retired May 30, 2014. The Board unanimously approved the resolution. Chairwoman Ulrich thanked Mr. Hannon for his service to the State of New York and to the country.

4. Recusals

None

5. Motion for Executive Session

None

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:30 a.m.

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Friday June 13, 2014

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Annemarie Peer, Keyboard Specialist 1
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Full Agency

11:15 AM

Chairwoman Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 11:15 AM.

1. Committee Reports

a. Regulatory Programs Committee

1). On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency approved the variance for John Lease, III and the Town of

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Willsboro in Willsboro, NY, Essex County. Rick Weber and Sarah Reynolds addressed the Board members' concern regarding the aesthetic language. Chairwoman Ulrich, Mr. Austin, Mr. Craig, Ms. Feldman, Mr. Lussi, Ms. Scozzafava, Mr. Stegemann, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Valentino, and Mr. Wilt voted for, Mr. Booth voted against. The motion carried. (P2014-51)

Mr. Booth said he did not object to the physical operation of the variance but had a problem with the justification. He did not agree with the notion that the assets being damaged by erosion and the creation of fishing access justified a variance in a Resource Management Area. Chairwoman Ulrich said she is aware of setting precedent, but felt this was a unique and appropriate situation.

2). On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Lussi, the Agency approved the construction of a new 80 foot tall telecommunications tower in Putnam, Washington County. Chairwoman Ulrich, Mr. Austin, Mr. Craig, Ms. Feldman, Mr. Lussi, Ms. Scozzafava, Mr. Stegemann, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Valentino and Mr. Wilt voted for, Mr. Booth voted against. The motion carried. (P2013-128)

3). On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Lussi the Agency unanimously approved the construction of a new 65 foot telecommunications tower in the tow of North Hudson, Essex County. (P2013-171)

b. Economic Affairs Committee

1). Mr. Lussi reported on the presentation by Mr. Erenstone of Mountain Orthotic and Prosthetic Service, Lake Placid, NY. He reported that the committee approved its May minutes and report.

c. State Land Committee

1). On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved the determination of compliance of the State Land Master Plan for the Cranberry Lake Wild Forest UMP Amendment. Mr. Craig abstained.

2). On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved the determination of compliance of the State Land Master Plan for the Bog River Complex UMP Amendment.

3). On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously approved the determination of compliance of the State Land Master Plan for the Jay Mountain UMP Amendment.

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d. Park Ecology Committee

1). Mr. Valentino reported on the presentation by Eric Holmlund and Hilary Smith on their efforts to combat invasive species.

e. Legal Affairs Committee

1). On motion by Karen Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously approved initiating formal rule making for the revisions to Agency SEQR regulations.

2). On motion by Karen Feldman, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Agency unanimously approved initiating formal rule making for the revisions to Agency FOIL regulations.

2. Interim Reports

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

3. Public Comments

Dan Plumley from Adirondack Wild asked the Board to consider a statewide public hearing on the Jay Mountain UMP Amendment. His complete comments are available on the Agency website at the address above.

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

Mr. Monroe said the LGRB was pleased with the Community Connector Multiple Use Trail Plan. He said he had some concerns with the bridge over the Cedar River. He agreed with the plan to move the parking lot closer to the river in the Essex UMP. He encouraged staff to include an invasive species plan for the Essex Chain Lakes, including inspection stations at the lakes and boat washes located on Rt. 28 and on the Essex Chain Road. Mr. Monroe encouraged Board members to read the 2014 APRAP. He said the information in the report is to be used as a tool.

5. Member Comments

Executive Director Martino said the Agency's phone system will be changing to NY Unite. Ms. Martino thanked staff and especially State Lands staff for all their work. She expressed her

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appreciation to DEC staff for the consultations on the UMPs. She commented on the great work being done by Jeff Erenstone and his team.

Counsel Townsend reported on a meeting with Kunzang Kunzang who is studying the Park as part of her training as an environmental lawyer in the country of Bhutan.

Mr. Thomas said he was pleased with the progress made on the Essex UMP.

Mr. Austin reminded all that the CFA applications are being received until June 16 at 4 PM.

Mr. Craig said the issue of invasive species will be a topic at the upcoming Common Ground Alliance meeting. He thanked the Chairwoman for commenting on the work done at the J&L site and said the work there continues. He acknowledged the difficulties cited in the APRAP report but said the combined effort of many groups is positive.

Ms. Feldman commented on how quickly the UMP work was being done. She said she is part of the North Country Housing Trust and is excited by the work being done for affordable housing in the Park.

Mr. Stegemann said he also spent time with Kunzang Kunzang. He said it is interesting that other countries use the Park as a model. He recognized the collaboration between the Agency and Department, both in Albany and Ray Brook, and the energy it brings to the Park. He publically commended the DEC Operations staff for the great work they have done to prepare for the summer camping season.

Ms. Scozzafava said Northern Boarder Regional Project applications are being received until June 30. She said Jeff Erenstone's presentation highlighted that good things are being done in the Park and throughout the world. She said the Town of Fine's J&L site cleanup is an example of what can be accomplished with collaboration and finding balance.

Mr. Wilt commented on the timely progress of the Essex UMP. He also said he has realized how much work the staff do and how much he appreciates it.

Mr. Booth commended staff for their work. He said Jeff Erenstone's presentation was inspiring.

Mr. Valentino said this meeting would be his last. He said he and his wife are moving to Chestertown, MD. He said he had many memories of the Park such as flying helicopters for medical reasons and search and rescue missions to being an Adirondack guide with his

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son. He expressed his appreciation to the five Governors he has served under, the people of New York State, Chairwoman Ulrich and Curt Stiles for their leadership during his term at the Agency and Terry Martino and staff for their monthly activities. He said the APA staff have the privilege of working on what matters. He said his colleagues on the Board are like his Marine Corps shipmates: because they work closely, they become more tolerant of each other and though they may argue with each other, they defend each other. He said the Board members are his shipmates.

Chairwoman Ulrich said she hoped Mr. Valentino would commit to a celebration. She said that with his military background, she and Mr. Valentino often found themselves in the political trenches and he would be deeply missed. The Chairwoman thanked him for supporting her personally and for his dedication to the Agency. She said she learned from him to seize the moment and remembered the time spent with Mr. and Mrs. Valentino and their family. She wished him well. Mr. Valentino was given a standing ovation.

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

Attachments:

P2014-0051, Town of Willsboro

P2013-0128, Verizon Wireless

P2013-0171, New York RSA 2 Cellular d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman