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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 9/25/14, 2014, Agency Meeting, TDM:sas 9:00 AM

September 11-12, 2014

Thursday, September 11, 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
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
Amy Hall, Clerk 2
Elaine Caldwell, Administrative Officer
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Paul Van Cott, Senior Attorney
Jenny McAleese, Senior Attorney
Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant - Economic Affairs
Emily O'Mahony, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director
Kathy Regan, Senior Natural Resources Planner
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Denise Wagner, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Emily O'Mahoney, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Shaun Lalonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist
Ed Snizek, Supervisor Natural Resource Analysis
Greg Bendell, Environmental Engineer

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Chairwoman Ulrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Chairwoman called for a moment of silence following the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of the victims, families, and all who were impacted by the September 11 terror attacks.

Mr. Booth noted it was also the anniversary of the 1814 Battle of Plattsburg.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Draft 2015 Agency Meeting Calendar

Chairwoman Ulrich tabled the vote to approve the Agency Meeting Calendar to allow for further discussion.

3. Approval of August 14, 2014 Agency Minutes

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

4. Agency Member Committee Assignment

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Lussi (and appreciated by Committee Chairman Craig) the Agency unanimously approved the reassignment of Ms. Feldman from the Local Government Services Committee to the Regulatory Programs Committee.

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino reported that on August 26, she and Kathy Regan attended the trail dedication for Goodman Mountain. She said the dedication honored Andrew Goodman, the civil rights activist who was murdered by Ku Klux Klan members in Mississippi in the summer of 1964. She said community volunteers and members who supported the project, DEC personnel, and Andrew's brother, David Goodman, attended. She thanked DEC staff for organizing such a successful event.

Ms. Martino reported that the Chairwoman had been invited to the Zahniser Family Cabin/ Wilderness Act Celebration Event with Commissioner Martens. The September 10 dedication of the Zahniser

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cabin in Baker Mills, Town of Johnsbury commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. She said Kathy Regan participated at the Tannery Pond event. The events were hosted by Adirondack Wild. Ms. Martino commended Dave Gibson for drawing continued attention and interest in the Wilderness Act.

Ms. Martino announced that Hilary Smith, Director of APIPP, was leaving to take a position with the U.S. Department of the Interior as Invasive Species Coordinator in Washington DC. She applauded Ms. Smith for her outstanding work with APIPP and for creating a program within the Adirondack Park that will be used as a model for future programs throughout the State and beyond. Ms. Martino commented on APIPP's report on the economic impact of invasive species within the Park. Chairwoman Ulrich suggested the Local Government Services Committee consider using this report for the next Local Government Day.

Executive Director Martino welcomed Kathleen Regan to the Agency as the Deputy Director, Planning. Chairwoman Ulrich thanked the State Land team for their excellent efforts and commitment. She also thanked Mr. Townsend and Ms. Martino for leading the team in the absence of the Deputy Director, Planning. Mr. Booth congratulated Ms. Regan and expressed his confidence of her success in this key position. Ms. Martino thanked all Planning Staff: Brian Grisi, Kathy Regan, Kevin Prickett, Matt Kendall, Walt Linck, John Barge, Robyn Burgess and Laurie Bullis for their dedication and professionalism.

6. Recusals

None

7. Motion for Executive Session

None

8. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

Full Agency

3:45 PM

Chairwoman Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:50 p.m. for Community Spotlight with Supervisor John Frey and Code Enforcement Officer and Assessor Amy VanWie, Town of Inlet.

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Supervisor Frey and Code Enforcement Officer/Assessor VanWie gave a presentation on the Town of Inlet's property transfer law which requires an inspection of the septic system prior to any property sale. They said once inspected, a report is sent to the code enforcement officer. If the system fails, the Code Enforcement Officer sends the property owner a notice of violation and notifies that an approved wastewater treatment system permit needs to be obtained within six months. The replacement system must be approved by a licensed wastewater engineer but can be installed by a local certified contractor. If the system is not replaced in that timeframe, the property owner can be fined on a daily basis. Mr. Frey said a property owner could apply for a variance from the Zoning Board. Ms. VanWie said she had not had anyone apply for a variance in her tenure as CEO. Ms. VanWie said most homeowners are willing to comply due to the safety standpoint. She said the expense of a hospital visit if one was sickened due to a faulty system could be far greater than replacing the system.

Supervisor Frey said the law took years to pass but is a model that will work on any size town in the Park and it is working. He said he would work with Brian Grisi regarding a presentation at the next Local Government Day to educate and communicate with other local government leaders.

Following a question and answer period, Mr. Craig asked if contacting the Department of Health would help get more towns to adopt this law. Mr. Booth said there should be State legislation requiring septic system inspections at the point of sale of any property.

Supervisor Frey talked about the Town's wastewater treatment plant which serves the downtown core area. The plant was built underground instead of above ground. He said the entire plant is confined to one building and there are no outside beds.

Supervisor Frey said that with the help of many volunteers, the town hoped to shatter the world record at the One Square Mile of Hope event being held in Inlet. He said so far, over 3,000 boats were registered to participate in the breast cancer fundraising event.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Supervisor Frey and Code Enforcement Officer/Assessor Aimee VanWie.

The presentation ended at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 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
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,
absent and excused
Terry Martino, Executive Director
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Full Agency

Chairwoman Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 10:15 a.m.

1) Draft 2015 Agency Meeting Calendar

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt the Agency unanimously approved the corrected and revised 2015 Agency Meeting Calendar.

2) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

Mr. Craig said the committee took no action and thanked Colleen Parker for the presentation on variances. Chairwoman Ulrich

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asked Colleen Parker to address the two questions the Board had from the Regulatory Programs Committee meeting. Ms. Parker noted that she will be taking more pictures of Lake George and she provided a site plan map of the YMCA camp in question.

b) State Land Committee

Mr. Booth said there were two excellent presentations on the Wilderness Act. Kevin Prickett provided a presentation on the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Phil Terrie presented the Commemoration, Overview and Highlights of the Wilderness Act and its Historic Roots in the Adirondack Park.

c) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Lussi reported the committee honored Hilary Smith, director of APIPP who is leaving the Park to take a position with the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, DC. He also said there were three presentations on innovative ways of dealing with the challenges of combating invasive species: Lake George Monitoring: The Jefferson Project by Chris Navitsky; Mandatory Boat Inspection on Lake George by Dave Wick; and Rapid Response Planning and Long-term Management of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Paradox Lake by Gretchen Sunderland.

d) Legal Affairs Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Booth the Agency unanimously authorized the staff preparation of an amendment to the Delegation Resolution to allow for the delegation, review and approval for certain types of variances to the Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs

3) Interim Reports

a) Administration Committee

Chairwoman Ulrich reported the announcement of Kathy Regan being appointed Deputy Director, Planning.

Chairwoman Ulrich commented on the Community Spotlight which featured the Town of Inlet's transfer of property law requiring an inspection of the septic tank at a property's point of sale. She asked that a link to this law be put on the Agency website and suggested the Local Government Review Board do the same. She asked for and received consensus to ask Agency staff to draft a resolution of commendation to the Town of Inlet and to encourage others to adopt similar laws for the protection of a community's health and safety.

b) Economic Affairs Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt the Agency unanimously approved the August 14, 2014 committee minutes. The Enforcement, Local Government Services, Park Policy and Planning and Public Awareness and Communications committees did not meet this month. Monthly reports were included in the mailing.

4) Old Business

None

5) New Business

None

6) Public Comment

Dan Plumley of Adirondack Wild thanked the Agency Board and staff for their participation in the Wilderness Act events. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

7) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe expressed his appreciation for the invasive species presentations. He encouraged more boat wash stations be installed on additional lakes and that washing on the way out of a lake should be mandatory. He compared the Wilderness Act to the State Land Master Plan noting that the SLMP did not provide the same protections for traditional and economic uses in Wilderness areas.

8) Member Comment

Ms. Scozzafava said she enjoyed the presentations. She wished good luck to everyone participating in One Square Mile of Hope event in Inlet, NY.

Mr. Wilt was pleased that Hilary Smith was being promoted.

Mr. Booth said there is one enormous difference between State land and Federal lands in that Federal land is not protected by the constitution and State land is. He commented that Aldo Leopold was a critical voice in the environmental community and on Mr. Leopold's book titled "Sand County Almanac." He said Mr. Leopold's son had lived in the Leopold Shack and taught at Cornell.

Mr. Lussi agreed with Mr. Plumley's public comments on wolves and said wild animals in the Park are an attraction. He said visitors

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to the Park that see wild animals take that information back to their communities. He also commented on the Summit Steward he encountered while hiking. He commended her dedication to protecting the trails and vegetation along the trails.

Ms. Feldman thanked the staff for their work. She congratulated Kathy Regan on her appointment to Deputy Director, Planning. She acknowledged the passing of Ted Wickersham who was a member of various environmental groups.

Mr. Craig congratulated Kathy Regan on her appointment and said he looks forward to her leadership. He also congratulated Jim Townsend, Bob Stegemann and Paul Van Cott for successfully completing the 90 miler canoe race.

Mr. Austin said he enjoyed the presentations and said it is important to protect the natural resources. He said there were 3,206 boats registered for the One Square Mile of Hope event.

Mr. Thomas said he appreciated the Wilderness Act presentations. He said Paul Schaefer was also a great influence in Bakers Mill and Johnsburg.

Executive Director Martino publicly thanked John Barge for his work with mapping and GIS. She congratulated Kathy Regan for her appointment and said she looks forward to working with a full management team. She applauded Kevin Prickett for the commitment and passion he brought to his Wilderness Act presentation, and for Google map he had accessed. She commented on Phil Terrie's overview of the Wilderness Act. She said that a resolution acknowledging Inlet is an important next step.

Chairwoman Ulrich congratulated the management team for now being complete. She thanked Adirondack Wild and the DEC for their roles as stewards for the Wilderness Act events. She agreed that wild animals are a big attraction in the Park, and noted the black bears in the Old Forge area. She said Dave Mason and Jim Herman of Adirondack Futures were stepping down after three years of leadership and important accomplishments in the Park. She congratulated the participants of the 90 miler.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman