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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 10/27/14 Agency Meeting, TDM:sas 9:45 AM

October 9, 2014

Thursday, October 9, 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
Lynne Mahoney, 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
Annemarie Peer, Keyboard Specialist 1
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant - Economic Affairs
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Attorney
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

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. The Chairwoman congratulated the Town of Inlet and all who participated in One Square Mile of Hope.

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1. Public Comment

One person signed up for public comment but asked to be deferred to the afternoon session.

2. Approval of August 14, 2014 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of September 11-12, 2014 as corrected by Mr. Booth. 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 according to Jim McKenna of ROOST, tourism has increased considerably this year.

Ms. Martino applauded the coordination between the Agency, DEC and DOT noting recent projects needing immediate action such as the Whiteface Veterans Memorial Highway, the Cascade slope failure, and the Champlain Bridge. She said the agencies continue to discuss long-term planning and coordination.

She said Agency staff are working with DEC and SUNY ESF to create a trail and lodging system in the Great South Woods tract. Mr. Stegemann commented that this plan will be the first using complex planning.

She thanked Keith McKeever for his involvement with a Japanese delegation and a group of German Rangers both here to discuss with staff the Agency's role in Park planning.

Ms. Martino reported that Brian Grisi and Robyn Burgess presented two training programs at the Southern Adirondack Planning and Zoning Forum in Lake George. She said the presentations were very well received and that they have been asked to present follow-up presentations to town zoning and planning boards.

Ms. Martino said that following last month's Community Spotlight with Town of Inlet's Supervisor Frey and Code Enforcement Officer VanWie, the Chairwoman asked staff to bring forth a resolution of commendation to the Town. Ms. Martino presented the Board with a Resolution of Commendation to the Town of Inlet with Encouragement to Other Towns to Consider Similar Septic Inspection Laws.

4. Resolution of Commendation to the Town of Inlet with Encouragement to Other Towns to Consider Similar Septic Inspection Laws

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On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved the Resolution of Commendation to the Town of Inlet with Encouragement to Other Towns to Consider Similar Septic Inspection Laws.

5. Recusals

None

6. Motion for Executive Session

None

7. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

Full Agency

3:30 PM

Chairwoman Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:30 p.m. She announced that Agency staff will begin deliberation of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (SLMP) amendment process. She said the work will follow on commitments the Agency made during the Essex Chain Lakes Complex classification in December 2013. The commitment was to examine the use of all-terrain bicycles in the unit and the use of non-natural materials for the construction of a bridge over the Cedar River.

She said both commitments will require amendments to the State Land Master Plan. Agency staff are prepared to start this work through four listening sessions in the region in the upcoming weeks. Staff know there may be other topics of interest that might be presented during these sessions and will review and discuss them as part of the public process. She said the Agency is excited about starting this important work.

Ms. Regan presented a brief slide show. She explained that this will be a public process to examine the use of all-terrain bicycles and the use of non-natural building materials in bridge construction in the complex. She said that there will be four public listening sessions located in Ray Brook, Old Forge, Warrensburg and Albany. She said these are not public hearings, but one-on-one question and answer opportunities as well as the consideration of additional amendment ideas from the public. She said the dates for the sessions are being developed with the goal of having the sessions completed by Thanksgiving.

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Chairwoman Ulrich said that this model of listening sessions can also be used as an educational tool.

3:40 PM

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Agency unanimously approved the second renewal of Permit P2005-223R2, Kathleen and Gary Rego.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously approved the second renewal of Permit 2005-54R2, Anne Hartsig.

Mr. Craig made a motion, seconded by Ms. Feldman to approve a variance for P2013-0021, Sykes. He noted that he was making the motion with the understanding that the practice of issuing a variance due to erosion would be further discussed in the future. The Agency approved the variance with Chairwoman Ulrich, Mr. Craig, Ms. Feldman, Mr. Lussi, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wilt, Mr. Stegemann (DEC), Ms. Mahoney (DOS), and Mr. Austin (DED) voting for and Mr. Booth voting against.

b) Economic Affairs Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on the presentation by Mr. Culpepper on the use of renewable energy at the North Country School in Lake Placid, NY. Chairwoman Ulrich said the Agency should further discuss renewable energy and the lack of certified installers in the Park with NYSERDA.

c) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on the presentation by Mr. Lashmet, NYS DOT, on the use of road salt in the Park and some alternatives available.

d) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously approved the acceptance of the DSEIS for Map Amendment 2014-02 and authorized the committee to proceed to Public Hearing.

e) Legal Affairs Committee/ Administration Committee

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On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Chairwoman Ulrich, the Agency unanimously authorized the committee to seek public comment on 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.

2) Interim Reports

a) State Land Committee

On motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Committee unanimously approved the September 11, 2014 committee minutes.

The Enforcement, Local Government Services, Public Awareness and Communications and State Land committees did not meet this month. Monthly reports were included in the mailing.

3) Old Business

None

4) New Business

None

5) Public Comment

Robert Glennon, speaking for himself and Protect!, addressed the Board regarding the granting of variances and the proposed delegation to the Deputy Director. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

6) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe commented that the Board should delegate authority to staff for second renewals for projects.

7) Member Comment

Mr. Wilt said he looked forward to the SLMP amendment process.

Mr. Booth said it was an interesting meeting. He congratulated the participants of One Square Mile of Hope.

Mr. Lussi thanked Mr. Culpepper for both his professional and individual application of sustainable practices.

Mr. Austin applauded the Town of Inlet for successfully hosting One Square Mile of Hope.

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Mr. Craig said he did not complete the flotilla event but thanked the Chairwoman for organizing the Adirondack Park Agency team.

Ms. Feldman reported sighting a fisher cat in her yard in Columbia County, NY. She said the number of fishers and bobcats were increasing due to re-forestation in that area.

Executive Director Martino thanked Kathy Regan and said she looked forward to working with staff on the SLMP amendment process. She said she appreciated the Board's recognition of the Town of Inlet by unanimous approval of the resolution.

Chairwoman Ulrich said it had been a very productive one-day meeting. She said the Agency is beginning the important public process of the SLMP amendment deliberation. She thanked the participants of One Square Mile of Hope for the important cause it supports and for the recognition it brought to the Adirondacks.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attachments:

P2013-0021

P2005-223R2

P2005-54R2

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman