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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 12/2/14 Agency Meeting, TDM:sas 9:30 AM

November 13-14, 2014

Thursday, November 13, 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
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
Tom Saehrig, Environmental Program Specialist 2
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. She congratulated Governor Cuomo and all others who won election to office. She thanked everyone who ran and their families for their commitment, dedication and hard work.

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1. Public Comment

There was no public comment

2. Approval of October 9, 2014 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of October 9, 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 commented on President Obama's visit to China and the discussion with the Chinese President regarding reducing carbon emissions.

Ms. Martino provided an overview of the Adirondack Council's "Acid Rain in the Adirondacks: A Roadmap to Recovery" event. She said there were presentations by Dr. Driscoll of Syracuse University, Judith Enck, EPA, Peter Iwanowicz, Executive Director of Environmental Advocates of New York, Lem Srolovic, NYS Attorney General's Office amongst others.

Ms. Martino reported that staff had been interviewed by Mr. Herman and Mr. Mason for their next project: The Twenty-Five Year Climate Response Scenario. The research will take place inside and outside the Park and will focus on community adaptability. She listed many presentations the Board has had on issues such as invasives, renewable energy, economic growth, and emergency response. Chairwoman Ulrich said the Board plays a role in promoting these important efforts. Ms. Martino said the Agency is working with DEC and State Police in an effort to bring a biomass project to the Ray Brook State Agency Complex.

Ms. Martino said she and the Chairwoman attended the sixth Youth Climate Change Summit at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake. She said the students attending this event were members of "Green Clubs" from all over and are working on innovative and creative ways to promote environmental-friendly practices (referred to as "edutainment"). She said the Agency would invite Jen Kretsner from the Wild Center to present to the Board on this initiative.

She reported on participation at the Local Government Review Board meeting. She thanked Mr. Monroe for the Review Board's plan to distribute information about Inlet's law requiring septic inspections at a property's point of sale in follow-up to the Agency's Town of Inlet Resolution.

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Ms. Martino said there would be important presentations on the invasive plant hydrilla, and the need for the Agency to plan for a rapid response. She also said there have been two listening sessions on the State Land Master Plan with two more to come in Albany and Old Forge.

4. Recusals

None

5. Motion for Executive Session

None

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

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Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
Beth Phillips, Senior Attorney
Paul Van Cott, Associate Attorney
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

Full Agency

11:00 AM

Chairwoman Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 11:00 a.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Agency unanimously approved the Town of Inlet variance with amendments consistent with the Committee recommendations involving the construction of a structure within the mean high water mark of Fifth Lake Outlet and Fourth Lake. (P2014-0001)

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b) Economic Affairs Committee

Mr. Lussi reported there was a presentation by Maura Adams and Leslie Karasin on the Northern Forest Center's Adirondack Model Neighborhood Wood Heat Initiative.

c) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on the presentations by Scott Kishbaugh, NYS DEC and Leigh Walrath on combating and developing a rapid response plan for Hydrilla in the Park.

d) Legal Affairs Committee/ Administration Committee

Ms. Feldman reported on the presentation by Paul Van Cott on the delegation of variances. She said the committee decided to table a decision on the amendment to allow for further discussion.

e) Park Policy and Planning Committee

Mr. Craig reported there was a presentation by Matt Kendall on a contingent process for a possible Town of Westport map amendment. (Map Amendment 2014-04, Linder)

He said John Barge gave an incredible presentation on Look-Up 2 and new modifications and corrections of the Blue Line.

2) Interim Reports

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

Ron Konowitz, Powder Skiers Association, addressed the Board regarding amendments to the State Land Master Plan and requested consideration for his group in the first round of amendments. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

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6) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe said that he supported Mr. Booth's comment that there must be government funding to help local governments and lake associations fight invasive species. He said he found hydrilla especially troubling because it can be transmitted by waterfowl. He said the permitting process for rapid response needs to be streamlined. He said he is encouraged that members of the Adirondack Lakes Alliance were attending regional meetings throughout the Park to help find solutions.

7) Member Comment

Ms. Scozzafava said the Department of State had provided the communities of Clifton and Fine with grants of \$25,000 to study how they could expand their shared services. She said shared services in communities will be a major focus for the future. She said the DOS has many resources to help communities. Chairwoman Ulrich said she would like to have links to that help on the Agency website

Mr. Wilt said he was troubled by the spread of hydrilla by waterfowl. He said the presentation by John Barge was great and that he would like him to present it at Local Government Day in April.

Mr. Booth said he appreciated John Barge's presentation and the fact that maps change. He said the invasive presentations were very sobering and that funding must be secured to fight the problem, as it will only grow. He said climate change was directly related to the price of energy and that was where change needed to start.

Mr. Lussi said he believes in replacing oil furnaces with wood boilers. He applauded the Northern Forest Center for their initiative in the Park.

Mr. Stegemann commented on the progress being made on the State Complex biomass project which will improve the energy efficiency of the buildings. He appreciated the inter-agency teamwork and focus on invasives, particularly at the Million Dollar Beach in Lake George and the Upper Saranac Lake boat launch. He applauded the inter-agency cooperation on a snowmobile trail in the Jessup Wild Forest which will allow for use this winter after the closing of an easement road.

Ms. Feldman echoed the comments regarding a dedicated source of government funding to fight invasives. She said she now realizes that the goal is not to eliminate invasives but to contain them. She said with energy prices so low, biomass may be a tough sell due

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to cost. She thanked John Barge for the map presentation. She said the designees shared amazing amounts of information at these meetings. She thanked staff for the sympathy card sent to her when her mother-in-law passed recently.

Mr. Craig said the DOS grants to Clifton and Fine would help provide greater efficiency, reduce costs and allow for the better use of people that work in those towns. He announced the issuance of the "Blue Print for the Blue Line" report by the Common Ground Alliance. He said it can be found at adkfutures.org.

Mr. Austin announced a new initiative by the Department of Economic Development called Business Mentor NY. The program allows small businesses and entrepreneurs to get free advice from professionals. He said it is available at businessmentorny.gov.

Mr. Thomas said there was a small Blue Line in 1892 which was greatly expanded in 1931. He wondered how controversial that expansion was. He said community use of State lands should be stressed at Local Government Day. He said shared services are a great goal but the distances between communities in the Park make it difficult.

Counsel Townsend recognized the work staff does preparing the presentations at the monthly meetings and that they go so smoothly because of their large efforts. He thanked them for the work they do.

Executive Director Martino said that through the work the Agency is doing, she sees the bridging from today to the future. She said decisions made may have a large environmental impact.

Chairwoman Ulrich commented on Ms. Martino's reference to "edutain". She said it was a great way to encourage the brightest minds to communicate. She commented on the energy efficiency needs of the building and looks forward to continuing improvement in this area. She announced she would be having an energy audit done at her home and encouraged others to do the same.

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

Attachments:

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Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman