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**Draft Minutes, Full Agency,
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January 15, 2015

Thursday, January 15, 2015

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman
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
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel

Absent and Excused

Richard Booth, Member

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Gerald Delaney, Chairman

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Amy Hall, Clerk 2
Annemarie Peer, Keyboard Specialist 1
Mary Reardon, Secretary 1
Elaine Caldwell, Administrative Officer
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Patrick Connally, Environmental Program Specialist
Suzanne McSherry, Environmental Program Specialist 2
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Ariel Lynch, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Aaron Ziemann, A.P Project Analyst, Forest Resources
Ed Snizek, Supervisor Natural Resource Analysis
Shaun Lalonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist
Steve Brewer, Senior Attorney
Jennifer McAleese, Senior Attorney

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Paul Van Cott, 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.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment

2. Approval of November 14 - 15, 2014 Agency Minutes

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of November 14-15, 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 expressed her sadness for the passing of Governor Mario Cuomo. She recalled the work the Governor did to help protect the Adirondack Park while balancing economic growth.

Ms. Martino said November 2014 marked the end of four listening sessions for amendments to the State Land Master Plan. She thanked the public for their input.

She said that in December 2014, the courts continued to recognize the thorough work the Agency and its staff does in project review and state land planning. She said three recent decisions were noteworthy: the Court's dismissal of the challenge to the Lot 8 Jay Mountain UMP; the dismissal of the challenge to the 2009 Snowmobile Guidance, and the Court of Appeals' affirmation of the Adirondack Club and Resort permit. She said the extent of staff work and analysis that the Court affirmed in ACR would again be on display in the regulatory project before the Board. She thanked the staff for their extensive work and field visits in reviewing the Lands and Lakes project and in examining alternatives.

Ms. Martino reported that she and Mr. Lussi attended the November climate change workshop organized by Mr. Mason and Mr. Herman.

She reported that there are now 102 towns and villages within the Park due to the dissolution of the Village of Keeseville. She said the Village will be split between the Towns of Chestertown and AuSable.

Executive Director Martino welcomed Patrick Connally to the Agency as an Environmental Program Specialist 1.

Ms. Martino said that Agency year-end reports will be presented at the February 12-13 Agency meeting.

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4. Recusals

None

5. Motion for Executive Session

None

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:15 a.m.

Full Agency

4:00 PM

Chairwoman Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 4:00 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency moved to approve the Woodworth Lakes Subdivision with amendments consistent with the Committee recommendations in regard to the cleaning of construction equipment to prevent the spread of invasives and the prevention of planting invasive species on the properties. It was noted that the developer would add protective covenants to deeds to further protect against invasives. (P2014-0048)

Discussion followed regarding some of the terminology used in public comment letters and press reports related to the project. Associate Counsel Reynolds stated that terminology and buzz words have changed since the Agency's laws were written, and would continue to change, and that the Board's responsibility is to examine the substance of any proposal before it. Ms. Reynolds reminded the Board to consider the potential for substantive impacts from the proposed lot lines and associated development and forestry uses. Mr. Craig suggested future meetings to discuss and learn about different terminology usage. The Board agreed communication is important to establish consistency and to meet legal requirements.

Chairwoman Ulrich called for the vote. The Board unanimously approved the Woodworth Lake subdivision.

b) Legal Affairs Committee

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Craig the Agency unanimously approved the reauthorization to file notice of proposed rulemaking and SEQR determination for

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the Emergency Project Review Regulation and to move it forward for public comment. It was noted that this approval also covered the attached resolution.

c) Economic Affairs Committee

Mr. Lussi reported there was a presentation by Jamie Rogers and Jennifer Monroe on energy efficiency and alternative energy programs administered by the Adirondack North Country Association. (ANCA) He noted that there is a lack of labor in the Park for energy efficiency projects.

d) Public Awareness and Communications Committee

Mr. Thomas reported on the presentation by Jim McKenna and Shaun Ondack from ROOST on the tourism promotional website Adirondacks, USA. He was appreciative of the effort being made to brand the Adirondack Park and noted there is ongoing work to be done.

e) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously accept the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Town of Moriah map amendment. (MA 2014-02)

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved the Town of Moriah's request to reclassify approximately twenty acres from Resource Management to Moderate Intensity Use. (MA 2014-02)

2) Interim Reports

a) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion of Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously approved the November 2014 committee minutes.

The Enforcement, Local Government Services 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

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Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skier 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.

6) Local Government Review Board Comment

Gerald Delaney, Local Government Review Board Chairman, thanked staff and the Board for allowing the LGRB a seat on the Board as a voice for local governments. He asked for continued review of the transfer of development rights in order to benefit tourism.

7) Member Comment

Ms. Scozzafava commended the Regulatory staff on the Woodworth Lake project. She appreciated that staff addressed the concerns from the comment letters. She applauded the accomplishments of Governor Cuomo's work of marketing the Adirondacks, such as on buses in New York City, to attract tourism.

Mr. Wilt said the staff did a great job on the Woodworth Lake project. He suggested that staff have professional name tags made for public appearances.

Mr. Lussi thanked staff for their work. He said he came to the meeting with a long list of questions about the project and the project presentation answered almost all of them. He commended Chairwoman Ulrich's leadership style of cooperation which he feels leads to more thoughtful development. He was impressed with Ariel Lynch and the team that worked on the project.

Mr. Stegemann said the subdivision required a lot of attention. He said he appreciated the concerns of the public. He reported that he attended an award ceremony in Albany at which Commissioners acknowledged the work of NYS Forest Rangers.

Ms. Feldman said she appreciated staff's tremendous work on the project. She said she also had a list of questions and had very few left following the presentation. She reported that she had been involved with a four day Wounded Warrior program with soldiers and their families. She said it is great work and really makes a difference. She said she looks forward to bringing programs to the Adirondacks.

Mr. Craig appreciated staff work on the subdivision project as well as the map amendment work of Planning staff. He said this was the first reclassification of lands from Resource management to Moderate Intensity Use in his tenure on the Board and thanked Matt Kendall for his work. He said the subdivision project made him both sad and happy. He was happy that 24 new families can now enjoy the Park but was sad about losing the Scout camp and the opportunity for youth to learn to appreciate the wilderness. He felt that the camps might be a way to increase diversity in the Park by introducing the Adirondacks to a wider group of inner-city youth.

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Mr. Austin said the staff did a great job. He said staff had a great attitude which he felt is driven from the leadership at the top. He said the "I Love NY" website covered all of the Adirondacks. He reported that the first "I Love NY" ski bus was scheduled to come to the Adirondacks at the end of January.

Mr. Thomas was very happy to hear the designees talk about branding the whole Park. He thanked staff for the great subdivision presentation which made his decision to approve it easier. He said he hopes common ground can be found while addressing amendments to the SLMP.

Chairwoman Ulrich thanked Associate Counsel Sarah Reynolds for acting as Counsel at the Agency meeting.

Executive Director Martino said the Agency has been very busy. She appreciated that the Board listened to the whole project presentation before asking questions thereby shortening the process. She thanked Kathy Regan for her tremendous efforts on the SLMP amendment process. She said there will be a recap of 2014 Agency work at the February meeting and she looks forward to hearing what the Board envisions for 2015.

Chairwoman Ulrich said the subdivision project went so smoothly due to the Executive Director's direction. She thanked Governor Cuomo for four years of leadership. She appreciated that the Governor is pro-Adirondacks. She gave kudos to the Regulatory Program staffs' review of the subdivision permit. She said the Applicant's commitment to cooperating with staff went above and beyond expectation.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Attachments:
P2014-0048

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman