



## Adirondack Park Agency

**LEILANI CRAFTS ULRICH**  
Chairwoman

**TERRY MARTINO**  
Executive Director

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**Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 4/29/15**  
TDM:sas 10:00 am

**April 17, 2015**

**Friday, April 17, 2015**

### **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  
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

### **Absent and Excused**

Dan Wilt, Member

### **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  
Patrick Connally, Environmental Program Specialist  
Paul Van Cott, Associate Attorney  
John Barge, Mapping Technologist 3  
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel  
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

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Chairwoman Ulrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She thanked Mr. Lussi for acting as Presiding Chairman at the February meeting.

**1. Public Comment**

Bill Farber, on behalf of AATV, thanked all the State agencies involved in the Local Government Day conference. He commented on the large number of attendees and the fact that they stayed until the end of the sessions. He announced that ROOST is participating in Adirondack Days in Albany on April 27. He said Adirondack exhibits will be on display from 11am to 5pm. He thanked Robyn Burgess for her excellent organization of Local Government Days. His comments are available on the Agency website at the address listed above.

**2. Approval of February 12-13 Agency Minutes**

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of February 12-13, 2015 with edits to clarify and correct comments made by Mr. Booth and Counsel Townsend. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

**3. Recusals**

None

**4. Motion for Executive Session**

None

**5. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Martino welcomed the students from Clarkson University in the audience. She thanked Robyn Burgess and said this year's Local Government Day was remarkable. She said it was good to hear the keynote address by Basil Seggos expressing his vision of balance for the Adirondacks and announcing Smart Growth funding. She displayed the proclamation by Governor Cuomo announcing April 16 as the official Local Government Day.

Ms. Martino announced Brian Grisi's retirement after being in the Planning Division since 2005 and with the Agency for many more years. She thanked Mr. Grisi for all his contributions to the Agency. She said copies of the Resolution saluting Brian Grisi were distributed. She reported that the Chairwoman presented the Resolution to Mr. Grisi at the Local Government Day reception and that staff honored him with an ice cream social and group activity organized by Robyn Burgess. Chairwoman Ulrich said that Mr. Grisi served as a wonderful ambassador to the 102 towns in the Adirondack Park and was instrumental in the positive changes taking place within the Park.

Ms. Martino thanked Fred Monroe for his leadership in the fight against invasive species. She commented on the ongoing collaboration between the many groups involved with the grant from Governor Cuomo and the identification of locations for temporary boat washing stations in the Park. She said Agency staff determined that no matter the land use classification or area, the location for each wash station will not require an APA permit, order, or variance or require an amendment to an existing UMP. She said staff are available to assist with site visits and to help design any infiltration basin that does not meet guidelines that were established. She also referenced the Memorandum of Understanding Among Public and Private Organizations Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention in the Adirondack Region and the many diverse organizations that signed it.

Ms. Martino listed some ongoing activities such as the State Land Master Plan amendment review and follow up by Kathy Regan; and the pre-application of the Department of Homeland security Mesonet project in which staff is involved.

Ms. Martino presented an Earth Day Resolution. She said the Agency will also honor Earth Day with a tree planting in May. The Board unanimously approved the Resolution.

Chairwoman Ulrich displayed a picture of a One Square Mile of Hope event held in Inlet in September 2014 which she and members/designees Austin, Wilt, and Scozzafava attended. She invited the attending Clarkson University Adirondack Semester students to present at a future Community Spotlight to share their views. The Chairwoman announced a change to the Agenda that the Local Government Services Committee would present first during committees followed by the Regulatory Programs Committee.

## **6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees**

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:45 a.m.

### **Full Agency**

**2:50 P.M.**

Chairwoman Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 2:50 p.m.

## **1) Committee Reports**

a) **Regulatory Programs Committee**

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Agency unanimously approved the Lyme Adirondack Timberlands I, LLC project to timber harvest a 549 acre Colton-Piercefield tract. (P2015-0028)

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Agency unanimously approved the second renewal for the David J. Nenni project for the construction of a single family dwelling and associated development on a 4.4 acre parcel of land containing wetlands. (P2007-0011R2)

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously approved authorization to receive public comment on the General Permit for Rapid Response Management or Containment of Aquatic Invasive Species Using Benthic Barriers and Hand Harvesting Techniques. (GP 2015-G-1)

Mr. Booth clarified that staff followed the recommendation to include the conditions in both the application and permit.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Agency unanimously approved authorization to receive public comment on the General Permit for Management of Terrestrial Invasive Plant Species in or within 100' of Wetlands in the Adirondack Park (GP2014-G-1A)

b) State Land Committee

On motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously approved authorization to receive public comment on the Jessup River Unit Management Plan Amendment.

On motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Agency unanimously approved authorization to receive public comment on the Pepperbox Unit Management Plan Amendment.

Mr. Booth reported on a presentation on the Alger Island Unit Management Plan Amendment which was for information only.

c) Local Government Services Committee

On motion of Chairwoman Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Agency unanimously approved the Town of Queensbury Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment as amended.

**2) Interim Reports**

a) Administration Committee

On motion of Chairwoman Ulrich, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Agency unanimously adopted the February 2015 draft Committee meeting minutes.

b) Economic Affairs Committee

On motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously adopted the January 2015 draft Committee meeting minutes.

c) Park Ecology Committee

On motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously adopted the February 2015 draft Committee meeting minutes.

d) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion of Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Agency unanimously adopted the February 2015 draft Committee meeting minutes.

The Enforcement, Legal Affairs and Public Awareness and Communication committees did not meet this month. Monthly reports were included in the mailing.

**3) Old Business**

None

**4) New Business**

None

**5) Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment

**6) Local Government Review Board Comment**

Fred Monroe commented that he was pleased with the success of the Local Government Day conference.

**7) Member Comment**

Mr. Stegemann said he looks forward to continued, improved communication. He acknowledged the Department's work on the UMP presentations.

Mr. Craig commended Mr. Monroe's work on invasive species prevention. He agreed with Mr. Booth that this is a national problem.

Mr. Thomas said that he would greatly miss Brian Grisi and wished him well in his retirement. He said that Mr. Grisi provided a great image for the Agency.

Ms. Mahoney felt the Local Government Day conference was a huge success. She said the increase in numbers and the fact that participants stayed until the end of the sessions reflected that the presentations were well received.

Mr. Booth wished Mr. Grisi well in his retirement. He congratulated all involved in Local Government Day.

Mr. Lussi talked about the fact that climate change is a reality. He felt there needs to be more biomass discussion. He said he looks forward to the biomass project at the Ray Brook State Complex.

Counsel Townsend thanked the staff that worked smoothly in preparation for this meeting while others were providing support for a successful Local Government Day.

Executive Director Martino thanked staff for their efforts on Local Government Day. She also acknowledged Norma Howard for her considerable contributions to Local Government Day and in general every day. She wished Brian Grisi the best in his retirement and noted his challenge to the Board to the *Name the 102 Adirondack Towns & Villages* exercise.

Chairwoman Ulrich echoed Ms. Martino's comments on staff. She again thanked Mr. Lussi for presiding as Chair for the February meeting. She wished everyone safe travels.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Attachments:

P2015-0028

P2007-0011R2

GP2015-G-1

GP2014-G-1A

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Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman