



## Adirondack Park Agency

**LEILANI CRAFTS ULRICH**  
Chairwoman

**TERRY MARTINO**  
Executive Director

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**Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 5/29/15**  
TDM:sas 10:00 am

**May 14-15, 2015**

**Thursday, May 14, 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  
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  
Patrick Connally, Environmental Program Specialist  
Paul Van Cott, Associate Attorney  
John Barge, Mapping Technologist 3  
Aaron Ziemann, Project Analyst, Forest Resources  
Denise Wagner, Environmental Program Specialist  
Matt McNamara, Environmental Program Specialist  
Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer  
George Hare, Maintenance Supervisor  
Devan Korn, Environmental Program Specialist  
Susan Parker, Environmental Program Specialist  
Emily O'Mahony, Environmental Program Specialist  
Annemarie Peer, Keyboard Specialist  
Jennifer Hubbard, Senior Attorney  
Fritz Aldinger, Environmental Program Specialist  
Bob Kreider, Information Technology

Tom Saehrig, Environmental Program Specialist 2  
Kyle Martin, Maintenance  
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 2  
Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs  
Robyn Burgess, Local Planning Assistance Specialist  
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning  
Mary Palmer, Keyboard Specialist  
Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant – Economic Affairs  
Judy Huffer, Green Thumb  
Ariel Lynch, Environmental Program Specialist 2  
Laurie Bullis, Secretary 1  
Mary Reardon, Secretary 1  
Walt Linck, Assoc. Natural Resources Planner  
Ed Snizek, Supervisor, Natural Resource Analysis  
Shaun Lalonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist  
Greg Bendell, Environmental Engineer 2  
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.

**1. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2015. 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 announced the news that Bob Kreider successfully installed a new and updated database for Agency-wide useage. She thanked Mr. Kreider for his relentless efforts and congratulated him on his success. She suggested that he give a presentation on his work at some point in the future.

Ms. Martino noted the updates made to the Agency website. John Barge demonstrated an interactive 3D viewer map located on the website and available to the public. The map allows the user to “fly” around the Park. Mr. Lussi asked if it could be used in search and rescue operations. Mr. Barge said it was possible.

Ms. Martino informed the Board that Jen Kretser from The Wild Center was awarded the EPA’s “Environmental Champion Award” for her work with students at the Youth Climate Change Summits held at the Wild Center.

She said that the Arbor/Earth Day tree planting would take place Friday in the arboretum in remembrance of James and Kimberly Barney who were tragically killed in an accident last July on Agency grounds. She invited the Board to read the materials provided on the arboretum and its honorees. She thanked George Hare and Kyle Martin for the great job they did preparing the grounds and the tree for the event.

Executive Director Martino announced the appointment of Robyn Burgess as the A.P. Local Planning Assistance Specialist.

She also announced the transfer of Greg Bendell to the NYS Department of Transportation in the Hudson Valley region. She presented Mr. Bendell with a Resolution thanking him for his work at the Agency.

Chairwoman Ulrich thanked the organizers of the 22<sup>nd</sup> *Annual Conference on the Adirondacks*. She reported that Dave Mason and Jim Herman presented on climate change (which they referred to as climate destruction). She said the conference planners will consider changing the date of the conference next year to better accommodate more participants.

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

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

**Friday, May 15, 2015**

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Richard Booth, Member  
Sherman Craig, Member  
Karen Feldman, Member  
Arthur Lussi, Member  
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Brad Austin, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development  
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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT**

Gerald Delaney, Chairman

**AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

Keith McKeever, Public Information Director  
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning  
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel  
Beth Phillips, Senior Attorney  
Rich Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs  
Robyn Burgess, Local Planning Assistance Specialist  
Virginia Yamrick, Environmental Program Specialist  
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

**Full Agency**

**10:15 AM**

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

**1) Committee Reports**

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously approved the New York RSA 2 Cellular d/b/a Verizon Wireless permit involving the construction of a 102-foot tall telecommunications tower to be concealed as a

simulated pine tree and the installation of a twelve panel antenna array. (P2014-0102)

b) Legal Affairs Committee

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Legal Affairs Committee unanimously approved the proposed Emergency Project Regulation as amended to omit the word "natural" from disasters in order to include other emergency events. The regulation was approved without further amendment at this time in order to stay in alignment with the Department's regulation. It was noted that the intent of the regulation is to work closely with local governments.

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Agency unanimously approved the proposed Emergency Project Regulation as amended.

c) Enforcement Committee

Ms. Feldman reported on John Burth's presentation on the processes used to investigate and resolve potential violations. She thanked Mr. Burth for the educational presentation.

d) State Land Committee

On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously authorized the Community Connector Trail Plan Unit Management Plan, omitting Section 5, to proceed to public comment with thirty days comment period.

On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously adopted the Jessup Unit Management Plan Amendment Resolution on Compliance with the State Land Master Plan.

On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously authorized the Alger Island and Fourth Lake Unit Management Plan to proceed to public comment.

On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously authorized the Meacham Lake Campground Unit Management Plan Amendment to proceed to public comment.

e) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on the APIPP presentation given by Brendan Quirion and Erin Vennie Vollrath. He said it is encouraging to know that aggressively battling these invasives is making a difference.

f) Local Government Services Committee

Mr. Wilt reported on Robyn Burgess's presentation on the 2015 Local Government Day Conference.

g) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously accepted the DSEIS and authorized the Town of Westport Map Amendment to proceed to public hearing. (MA 2014-04)

**2) Interim Reports**

The Administration, Economic 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**

Mr. Delaney added comments to the Polaris Bridge conversation and said that existing structures on State land are part of the history of the area and removing them is removing that history.

**7) Member Comment**

Ms. Scozzafava and Mr. Austin commented on the upcoming second round of NYS Consolidated Funding Applications. Ms. Scozzafava said there are many workshops in the area to help with the grant application process. Mr. Austin said the Regional Economic Development Councils have \$750 million in grants and tax credits and encouraged towns to participate. They provided the website for information: regionalcouncils.ny.gov

Mr. Lussi commented on the Enforcement presentation and suggested there be more of them. He commented on the Polaris Bridge and the need of the Department and Agency to address the issue rather than to keep putting it off.

Mr. Thomas agreed with Mr. Lussi on the Polaris Bridge issue and said that during the Essex Chain Lakes discussion, he was lead to believe that the bridge would be used. He would like the issue resolved.

Mr. Stegemann said that regarding the Polaris Bridge, the Department was striving for a strong, long-lasting policy and that staff were working hard on the issue. He commended the Agency and Department staff for their hard work and professionalism on their presentations on this month's agenda items. He appreciated the partnerships formed during the invasive species management work. He said Department staff were working hard to get the campgrounds up and running.

Mr. Booth agreed the Polaris and Cedar bridges need to be dealt with.

Ms. Feldman agreed the Essex Chain issues need to be dealt with directly. She thanked John Burth, Jenny Hubbard and Jim Townsend for working with her on the agenda items. She said the Emergency Regulations were terrific and provided clarity. She was glad of the change in weather and looks forward to golfing, fishing and enjoying the Adirondacks.

Executive Director Martino wished Greg Bendell well as he moves on from the Agency. She thanked John Burth and the Enforcement staff for their fair and consistent procedures which allow remediation. She invited everyone to join in the tree planting.

Mr. Wilt agreed with Mr. Delaney about structures being part of the history of the Park. He cited fire towers as an example. He thanked Ms. Burgess for her Local Government Day presentation and said he was pleased with the growing number of participants. He said the North Country Economic Development Council is hard at work.

Mr. Craig noted the remarkable efficiencies now happening among Agencies. He used the boat washing stations as an example. He noted the extraordinary cooperation of the many agencies involved with the J&L site: DOS, DEC, DOT, two towns' road crews, APIPP, PSC, National Grid and others. He said the collaboration allowed a great deal of development to happen very quickly and credited the Governor's efficiency policy.

Chairwoman Ulrich commended staff on their hard work. She also noted how things have changed for the better in the Park in terms of collaboration among the many groups.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman