



Adirondack Park Agency

LEILANI CRAFTS ULRICH
Chairwoman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 6/24/15
TDM:sas 11:30 am

June 11-12, 2015

Thursday, June 11, 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
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
Mary Reardon, Secretary 1
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

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Chairwoman Ulrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She thanked all the officers participating in the search for two escaped prisoners from Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, NY.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Approval of May 14-15 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of May 14-15, 2015 as amended by Chairwoman Ulrich and Mr. Booth. 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 reported on a Saranac Lake Central School chorus program held June 10th in which the children of three staff members participated: Jeremiah Barge, Elody Linck and Bennett Martino. She said the concert was excellent and congratulated the participants.

Ms. Martino also extended her thanks and appreciation to law enforcement officers involved in the ongoing search in Dannemora.

She reported on the 5th Annual Wilmington Whiteface Bike Festival hosted by the Town of Wilmington. She said the event is a three day festival that helps promote tourism opportunities in the Wilmington Whiteface region as well as the towns of Keene, Jay, Lewis and Elizabethtown. She said she has heard that the uphill racers appreciated the smooth ride on the Memorial Highway's new pavement made possible by the Governor's commitment of \$10 million for the repaving project. She congratulated Supervisor Randy Preston on the successful event which continues to grow each year. She also thanked the many volunteers who worked the event, including staff member Keith McKeever.

Ms. Martino updated the Board on the self-contained biomass project which will supply renewable energy to the heating systems of the Ray Brook State Complex and is part of the Governor's Renewable Energy Program. She told the Board that there is now an MOU between the DEC, NYS Police and the Agency and that a meeting was held June 9 which was attended by staff from the Agency, the Department, State Police, OGS, NYPA and NYSEERDA among others. She said the focus of the meeting was to bring all

parties involved in the process together to walk the site, coordinate and review the overall project design and to begin the process of scheduling the one-on-one site visits with the consultants. She said the project will become a showcase for the public, as well as a learning opportunity for others in the North Country that want to move toward renewable energy products. Chairwoman Ulrich asked what the schedule for the project is. Ms. Martino replied that the project is scheduled for full design completion by December 2015 with the implementation of the complete project by the 2016 heating season. She said the conversion of the Agency's oil tank to a propane tank will be completed this summer. She thanked Elaine Caldwell and George Hare for their tireless work on this project. Mr. Lussi asked if the system would convert from chips/pellets to propane if necessary. Ms. Martino confirmed it would. Mr. Lussi asked that the Agency set the heat thermometer to 68 degrees. Chairwoman Ulrich asked about the source of the pellets and urged that the source be local.

Ms. Martino reported on new subdivision templates being implemented by the Regulatory staff. She said the templates will allow for improved consistency and fairness and aid in fact-checking. She thanked Sarah Reynolds and Rick Weber for their work on this project. She also reported on changes to record management which will increase efficiencies by creating digital records of all project transactions. This will allow staff to access digital files across all divisions without having to track down the physical file. She thanked the team that worked on this project: Sarah Reynolds, John Burth, Ariel Lynch, Doug Miller, Robyn Burgess, Elizabeth Stankus and Shaun Lalonde. Ms. Martino also expressed her appreciation to the support staff who will be creating the digital files: Amy Hall, Mary Palmer, Mary Reardon, Laurie Bullis, Stephanie Petith, Annemarie Peer and Sue Streiff. She informed the Board that Bob Kreider would be presenting on the changes in the Agency's database. She said the changes will increase efficiency and allow for staff to be more responsive to the Public.

She reported that Special Assistant – Economic Affairs Dan Kelleher had been invited to speak at the NYS Broadband Summit in Albany. She said this summit is part of the Governor's plan that all New Yorkers have access to broadband by 2018. The Governor committed \$5 million to the initiative which will be matched by \$5 million in donations.

Chairwoman Ulrich asked about the status of the driveway repair in the Complex. Mr. Stegemann said that since the biomass project was considered to be a showcase, once it was completed he would try to provide a more permanent paving solution. He said that he has asked Operations staff to do the best they could with repairs in the meantime. Ms. Martino thanked Mr. Stegemann for his attention to the driveway and also for the recent removal of dangerous trees in the parking lot.

Ms. Feldman congratulated staff on the changes being implemented and said she appreciated all the hard work involved in making these changes.

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.

Friday, June 12, 2015

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

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Richard Booth, Member
Sherman Craig, Member
Karen Feldman, Member
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William Thomas, Member
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Beth Phillips, Senior Attorney
Rich Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Robyn Burgess, Local Planning Assistance 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) Interim Reports

a) **Legal Affairs Committee**

On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Agency unanimously approved the May 2015 Legal Affairs Committee Minutes.

b) Enforcement Committee

On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously approved the May 2015 Enforcement Committee minutes. Chairwoman Ulrich sat and voted as a member of the committee.

c) Local Government Services Committee

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Scozzafava, the Agency unanimously approved the May 2015 Local Government Services Committee minutes.

d) Park Ecology Committee

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Agency unanimously approved the May 2015 Park Ecology Committee minutes.

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

2) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved the variance request for Sandra Richards involving construction of a detached garage located 104 feet from the mean high water mark of the West Branch of the AuSable River. (P2015-0055)

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously approved an order authorizing the Rapid Response Management or Containment of Aquatic Invasive Species Using Benthic Barriers and Hand Harvesting Techniques. (General Permit 2015G-1)

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved an order authorizing the Management of Terrestrial Invasive Plant Species in or Within 100' of Wetlands in the Adirondack Park. (General Permit 2014G-1A)

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously approved an overstory removal harvest by MWF Adirondacks, LLC/The Molpus Woodlands Group, LLC of 459 acres to release a well-established understory of approximately 5000 stems/acre and enable the applicant to salvage value from a declining overstory. The project permit will address the necessity of the removal of invasive species from equipment. (P2015-0076)

b) State Land Committee

On motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Agency approved the request to the Agency Chairwoman to sign the Interagency Guidelines for Implementing BMP's for Control of Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species on Forest Preserve Lands in the ADK Park.

Discussion followed with Mr. Lussi's request that the DEC and APA plan for an invasive species infestation such as the Emerald Ashborer and develop guidelines that allow Agency and Department staff to mobilize and stop the infestation and what effect it would have on the Park.

Chairwoman Ulrich called for the vote. The Agency unanimously approved the request.

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

On motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adopted the Meacham Lake Unit Management Amendment Resolution on Compliance with the State Land Master Plan.

Mr. Booth reported that there was much discussion on the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor and Essex Chain Lakes Complex Unit Management Plan presentations.

c) Administration Committee

Chairwoman Ulrich reported on Bob Kreider's presentation on the transition from the Master Action Database (MAD) program and record management system to a new program called Adirondack Park Agency Transaction Database System (ATRADS).

d) Economic Affairs Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on the presentation by Ollie Burgess. He commended him for having a successful business and providing employment in the Adirondack Park.

e) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency moved to accept the FSEIS and staff recommendation for the Town of Wilmington map amendment. (MA 2014-03)

Discussion followed with Mr. Lussi complimenting staff for their work with the Town of Wilmington on this map amendment and addressing issues in a way that allowed the Board to make a thoughtful decision.

Ms. Feldman commented on the amount of work and the Town did on planning for this project.

Chairwoman Ulrich called the vote. The Agency unanimously accepted the FSEIS and staff recommendation.

3) Old Business

None

4) New Business

None

5) Public Comment

There was no Public Comment

6) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe updated the Board on the Town of Chester biomass project. He thanked the Department on the preliminary work on the Essex Chain Lakes Unit Management Plan. He asked that the UMP include invasive species prevention for the lakes and rivers in the area. He also asked for conservation easements for preexisting hunting cabins whose measurements meet the 500 square foot interior requirements but not the new 500 square foot exterior requirement.

7) Member Comment

Ms. Scozzafava commented that she was impressed with the Specialty Wood Products, Inc. presentation. She commended Department and Agency staff on the numerous hours of work put into the reports presented at the meeting in the effort to achieve a mutual goal.

Mr. Wilt said he had recently visited Corning, NY and was stuck by the incredible effort made by Mr. Booth to travel from Ithaca to the Agency meeting each month. He commended Mr. Booth for his efforts.

Mr. Booth said that Ithacans consider themselves to be centrally isolated.

Mr. Lussi noted that Mr. Burgess did not need to market his Specialty Wood Product business because he offered a superior product to a target group.

Mr. Stegemann was appreciative to all staff for the preparation of materials for the full agenda. He said the cooperation, efficiency and Park-wide efforts were paying off. He said he was impressed by the character of Mr. Burgess and his spirit of an Adirondack entrepreneur.

Ms. Feldman thanked staff for their presentations. She appreciated the Agency and Department's mission of working together on the UMP work. She said the work may require some changes to current laws and encouraged continued transparency going forward.

Mr. Austin said it is anticipated that the Wild Walk at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake will be a global attraction. He commented on the article in the Conservation magazine by Eileen Stegemann about banding loons. Chairwoman Ulrich pointed out that the Wild Walk project was the subject of an APA permit.

Mr. Thomas said he looked forward to the work on the Remsen/Lake Placid Travel Corridor continuing to move forward. He said he felt the Town of Wilmington map amendment had a good outcome for the town and work was ongoing. He suggested that the Board take a field trip to look at the proposed snowmobile trail in the Essex Chain Lakes UMP.

Mr. Townsend said the work the Agency does sometimes takes a long time to realize. He cited the work on invasive species in the last fifteen years.

Executive Director Martino thanked Mr. Kelleher and Mr. Lussi for the Economic Affairs committee presentation on Specialty Wood Products, Inc. She said she looks forward to continued work with the Department and thanked staff for their efforts.

Chairwoman Ulrich thanked Ms. Martino and managers for their work on the successful monthly Agency meetings. She said this was a very busy time for State Land work and she felt privileged to work with the group. She said that public debate can be challenging.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Attachments:
P2015-0055
GP2015-G-1
GP2014G-1A
P2015-0076

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman