



Adirondack Park Agency

LEILANI CRAFTS ULRICH
Chairwoman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 7/29/15
TDM:sas 10:30 am

July 9, 2015

Thursday, July 9, 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
Ed Snizek, Supervisor Natural Resource Analysis
Shaun Lalonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist
Alicia Purzycki, Environmental Engineer 2
Aaron Ziemann, Project Analyst, Forest Resources
Suzanne McSherry, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Ariel Lynch, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Tom Saehrig, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Emily O'Mahony, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Virginia Yamrick, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

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Chairwoman Ulrich called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. She reported on the resignation of DEC Commissioner Martens. On behalf of the Adirondack Park Agency, she thanked Commissioner Joe Martens for his outstanding service to New York State and for his unrelenting dedication to the preservation of the Adirondack Park. She said he will be missed and wished him well going forward.

1. Public Comment

Bob Glennon addressed the Essex Chain Lakes UMP proposed snowmobile trail involving a bridge. Counsel Townsend said that public comment regarding UMP conformance is closed. Mr. Glennon thanked the Board and returned to the audience. His comments are available on the Agency website at the address listed above.

2. Approval of June 11-12 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of June 11-12, 2015. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Recusals

Mr. Wilt recused himself from the Local Government Services Committee meeting on the Town of Arietta Local Land Use Program Amendment due to the fact that his brother is the Supervisor of Arietta. Mr. Thomas was appointed presiding Chair and Chairwoman Ulrich sat on the committee.

4. Motion for Executive Session

None

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino also thanked Commissioner Martens.

Ms. Martino thanked all the law enforcement officers involved in the search for the escaped inmates from the Dannemora prison.

She commented on the ninth Common Ground Alliance Forum, second annual Invasive Species Awareness Week and the upcoming press event at the Second Pond boat launch area where Chairwoman Ulrich will speak. She said Agency and Department staff have worked together on the placement of boat wash stations throughout the Park.

Executive Director Martino welcomed Alicia Purzycki to the Agency as an Environmental Engineer 2.

Ms. Martino presented a slide show on the Wild Center's Wild Walk. She thanked Suzanne McSherry for her excellent work during the permitting process.

Chairwoman Ulrich reported that she attended and spoke at the ribbon cutting event at the Wild Center in celebration of the opening of the Wild Walk. She told how a Tupper Lake resident talked about being part of the first generation of students to grow up with the Wild Center which increased their appreciation for nature.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 10:15 a.m.

Full Agency

2:45 PM

Chairwoman Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 2:20 p.m. She reported on the loss of former Agency staff member Susan Carey. She said Ms. Carey started with the Agency in 1990 as a KBS 1 and worked her way up to Principal Clerk 2, retiring in 2013. She said Ms. Carey was a tremendous asset to the Agency and will be missed by all who knew and worked with her. She called for a moment of silence in Ms. Carey's honor.

1) Committee Reports

a) State Land Committee

On motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Agency unanimously adopted the Alger Island Campground and Fourth Lake Day Use Area Unit Management Amendment Resolution on Compliance with the State Land Master Plan.

On motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Agency unanimously adopted the Community Connector Trail Plan Resolution on Compliance with the State Land Master Plan.

b) Local Government Services Committee

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Scozzafava, the Agency unanimously approved the Town of Arietta Local Land Use Program Amendment.

c) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved the construction of a new 80.5-foot-tall self-supporting lattice tower for emergency communications in the Village of Tupper Lake. (P2015-0045)

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Agency unanimously approved the second renewal for construction of one new single-family dwelling in the town of Keene. (P78-318 & P78-146DR2)

2) Interim Reports

a) Administration Committee

On motion of Chairwoman Ulrich, seconded by Ms. Scozzafava, the Agency unanimously approved the June 2015 Administration Committee Minutes.

b) Economic Affairs Committee

On motion of Chairwoman Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously approved the June 2015 Economic Affairs Committee minutes.

c) Park Policy Committee

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously approved the June 2015 Park Policy Committee minutes.

The Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Local Government Services, Park Ecology 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. Monroe said he felt that the State Land Master Plan should be amended to be consistent with the snowmobile guidelines. He said he also was sorry to see Commissioner Martens resign.

7) Member Comment

Mr. Wilt thanked Mr. Thomas for presiding as Chair for the Local Government Services committee. He also thanked staff and Town of Arietta officials for their work on the Local Land Use Program amendment.

Mr. Lussi said he had attended the public hearing for the Essex Chain Lakes UMP in Newcomb. He encouraged Board members to attend the UMP public hearings.

Mr. Austin reminded all that the deadline for CFA applications is July 31 at 4:00 pm. Chairwoman Ulrich asked Keith to post that information to the Agency website.

Mr. Craig reported the Common Ground Alliance Forum will be held July 15. He said the forum is an opportunity for diverse groups to work together to come up with solutions.

Ms. Feldman commented on Commissioner Martens's resignation and felt confident there would be a smooth transition with Mr. Gerstman as Acting Commissioner.

Mr. Stegemann also acknowledged the passing of Sue Carey. He said Ms. Carey was the mother of his assistant, Sheryl Quinn. He sent his sympathies to the Quinn and Carey families. He remarked on Commissioner Martens's resignation. He said Mr. Martens is an extraordinary man and showed great leadership. He also thanked Department and Agency staff for working together and getting things done.

Executive Director Martino said that the August agenda was shaping up to be a very busy one, with more projects coming before the Board as well as State Land work.

Chairwoman Ulrich thanked staff and her colleagues for their continued hard work. She encouraged Board members to sign up for the Governor's Adirondack Challenge taking place July 19.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Attachments:
P2015-0045
P78-318 & 78-146DR2

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman