



Adirondack Park Agency

LEILANI CRAFTS ULRICH
Chairwoman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 8/26/15
TDM:sas 8:30 am

August 13, 2015

Thursday, August 13, 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
Robert Stegemann, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Terry Martino, Executive Director
James Townsend, Counsel

ABSENT AND EXCUSSED

Dierdre Scozzafava, Designee, NYS Department of State

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Amy Hall, Clerk 2
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
Mary Reardon, Secretary 1
Ariel Lynch, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Robyn Burgess, A.P. Local Planning Assistance Specialist
Kate-Lyn Knight, Environmental Program Specialist 1
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 July 9-10 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of July 9, 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 reported that Keith McKeever and Dan Kelleher attended a veteran's ceremony at Whiteface Mountain honoring the veterans of the 10th Mountain Division. The Lieutenant Governor attended and spoke.

Ms. Martino reported that various events took place throughout Invasive Species Week, July 12-18, 2015. Ms. Martino presented a slide showing the locations of new boat washing stations within the Park. She said the program involved staff from the Agency, Paul Smith's College, local governments, lake associations, the DEC and the DOT. She thanked Mr. Monroe and Mr. Stegemann for their efforts in making this program a success. Chairwoman Ulrich thanked Mr. Stegemann for organizing the Second Pond event which she attended. Ms. Martino said staff had attended the first meeting of the Adirondack Lake Alliance to meet with people and answer questions. Ms. Feldman also acknowledged the group's leadership of Ed Griesmer and Jane Smith.

Ms. Martino reported on the work of an interdisciplinary team of staff that worked on an Agency-wide record management system. She thanked Mary Palmer for her work on creating a digital stamp and Elaine Caldwell and Amy Hall for organizing records stored in "the cage." Mr. Booth acknowledged the importance of record management.

Ms. Martino updated the Board on the boiler project. She reported that asbestos testing was completed in the APA's mechanical room and showed positive results in the ceiling

tiles. She said asbestos abatement work will be done August 17-21 and that affected staff will be relocated.

She said Dan Kelleher will be attending the Lake Pleasant-Sacandaga Lake Association meeting on August 16 to provide public outreach to the community on services available to the public from the Agency as part of the Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance program initiative (HEPA).

Executive Director Martino welcomed Kate-Lyn Knight to the Agency as an Environmental Program Specialist 1 Trainee.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

Full Agency

3:15 PM

Chairwoman Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:15 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) State Land Committee

Mr. Booth reported on the presentation of the Champlain Islands UMP.

b) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously approved the Franklin County Emergency Services proposal, as amended, to replace an existing telecommunications tower on Mt. Pisgah with a self-supporting lattice tower and radio equipment building. (P2015-0082)

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency moved to approve the Lyme Adirondack Timberlands II, LLC timber harvest on a 212 acre portion of Lyme's 14,379 acre Perkins Clearing Tract in the Town of Lake Pleasant.

Mr. Wilt asked if the permit could include language that stated the timber harvest would not interfere with the Lake Pleasant snowmobile trail. He pointed out there was interference last year. Discussion followed and the project was set aside so staff could research the agreement between the Department and Lyme Timber regarding the trail. Mr. Ziemann and Mr. Stegemann reported that the agreement clarified the trail would not be affected by the logging. On motion by Mr. Booth,

seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Board directed staff to have a Finding of Fact language added to the permit to reflect the agreement.

Chairwoman Ulrich called for the vote and the permit was unanimously approved as amended.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously approved the Heartwood Forestland Fund IV Limited Partnership timber harvest on a 53 acre portion of Heartwood's 8,209 acre John Brown Tract in the Town of Lyonsdale as amended.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency moved to approve the F. R. Smith & Son, Inc. project involving an amendment to Agency permit P87-342 to allow for a different commercial use structural footprint, a second entrance drive, the outside storage of boats, and the establishment of a boat washing station.

Mr. Weber clarified that a portion of the Smith family's property is located across the street from the project location. The Smith family had sent comment letters opposing the project.

Ms. Feldman acknowledged the comment letters received on the project. She said the letters were very persuasive and she appreciated the time people took to send them, but that the Board is required to follow the law and can only add conditions such as limiting how many boats can be stored at the site.

Chairwoman Ulrich called for the vote and the permit was unanimously approved as amended.

Chairwoman Ulrich asked staff to consider ways to connect small lake associations who are in the process of pre-application meetings with the Agency to the Adirondack Lake Alliance, Inc. for assistance in combating invasive species.

c) Park Policy Committee

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously accepted the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Town of Westport map amendment. (MA2014-04)

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously accepted the Resolution with respect to Map Amendment 2014-04 to reclassify approximately 12 acres in the Town of Westport from Resource Management to Hamlet contingent upon connecting the area to the public sewer system. Once

the area is connected, Agency staff will present the Board with an Order amending the map for Area 1.

2) Interim Reports

The Administration, Enforcement, Economic Affairs, 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.

Mr. Lussi noted that the public is becoming more aware of roadside invasives species and at least one inquiry has been directed to Ed Snizek in the RASS division. He appreciated that Mr. Snizek responded in a professional manner.

3) Old Business

None

4) New Business

None

5) Public Comment

There was no Public Comment

Chairwoman Ulrich said that there have been eleven Executive Directors at the Agency and only three held the position for more than five years. She congratulated Executive Director Martino on her sixth anniversary.

6) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe said the LGRB approved the Town of Westport map amendment but felt that requiring towns to invest in infrastructure prior to a decision on a map amendment was not practical. He felt the APA Act statute for conditional approval should be amended. He said he was dissatisfied with the Lake Champlain Islands UMP. He said Valcour Island is of national historic significance. He said designating the island as primitive is a bad decision and that the Agency should consider amending the SLMP to recognize this very historic site.

7) Member Comment

Mr. Wilt thanked staff for their work. He stressed that the economic impact of snowmobiling in Lake Pleasant is very important. He thanked Dan Kelleher for his upcoming presentation at the Lake Pleasant – Sacandaga Lake Association on August 16 and said the group looked forward to hearing from him.

Mr. Lussi said he had recently hiked with out of town visitors and again appreciated where he lives. He said that in Keene and Keene Valley, shuttle buses were provided to reduce parking congestion at trailheads. He agreed with Mr. Monroe that the SLMP should be amended in relation to Valcour Island and bridges.

Mr. Stegemann thanked Department and Agency staff and said great things can be accomplished by working together. He told the story of a ten-year old boy who came from the city to visit Camp Colby and how the experience of the natural world was life-changing for the youth. He said everyone should try to introduce this experience to more youth in order to encourage future outdoor enthusiasts who in turn will protect the wilderness.

Ms. Feldman agreed that the Board should come up with creative solutions with the SLMP in regard to Valcour Island. She explained that Earth Overshoot Day was on the 13th meaning that mankind had depleted nature's resource budget for the year. She said everyone should work on reducing the use of earth's resources.

Mr. Craig said the 13th was also Left-handed Day.

Mr. Austin said he liked the phrase "ground truth" used by Chairwoman Ulrich.

Mr. Thomas congratulated Executive Martino on her sixth anniversary. He said he agreed with Mr. Monroe on the Valcour Island issue.

Ms. Martino thanked everyone for the acknowledgment of her six years of leadership at the Agency. She said it has been a busy summer and thanked staff.

Chairwoman Ulrich also thanked staff for their work. She sent well-wishes to Ms. Scozzafava whose brother was involved in a serious accident. She said she and Jim had been camping throughout the Park at various campgrounds. She congratulated the DEC for the support it received from the Governor for campground upgrades.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attachments:
P2015-0035
P2015-0082
P2015-0087
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Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman