



## Adirondack Park Agency

**LEILANI CRAFTS ULRICH**  
Chairwoman

**TERRY MARTINO**  
Executive Director

*NOTE: The attachments referred to herein are on file at the Agency and are on the Agency's website. Copies are also available for inspection on request.*

**Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 9/11/15**  
TDM:sas 9:20 am

**September 10, 2015**

**Thursday, September 10, 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

### **ABSENT AND EXCUSED**

Arthur Lussi, Member

### **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  
Kate-Lyn Knight, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Shaun Lalonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist  
Elaine Caldwell, Administrative Officer  
Colleen Parker, Environmental Specialist 3  
Sue Streiff, Secretary to Executive Director

Video and MP3 audio recordings of the proceedings, including public comment, are available in their entirety via webcast at

[http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=2](http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2)

Chairwoman Ulrich called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She thanked Agency and Department staff for providing the mailing materials to the Board in a timely manner to allow for review.

**1. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**2. Approval of August 13 Agency Minutes**

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2015. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

**3. 2016 Draft Agenda**

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency moved to approve the 2016 Draft Meeting Schedule. Mr. Craig asked about the designated months when Agency meetings may not be held. Ms. Ulrich said those months were designated on the schedule as well as instances where there is no actionable business.

Ms. Ulrich called for the vote and the Agency unanimously approved the 2016 Agency Meeting Schedule.

**4. Recusals**

None

**5. Motion for Executive Session**

None

**6. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Martino reported that Keith McKeever met with a group of international visitors who were in the Park as part of a US Department of State sponsored program. Mr. McKeever provided an overview of the work the Agency does and provided a field visit to Whiteface Mountain. He also met with a group of students from Hamilton College to give an overview of how Agency and Department staff work together on unit management plans.

Ms. Martino congratulated Zoe Smith and staff from the Wildlife Conservation Society on the success of the Cycle Adirondacks event. The event was supported by a grant from the Governor's Economic Development Council.

Ms. Martino reported that Dan Kelleher and Robyn Burgess are working with officials from Lewis County and the Town of Lyonsdale on an infrastructure plan through the Agency's HEPA program.

She said the boiler conversion was nearly completed as scheduled. She said the next step will be the biomass project in 2016.

Ms. Ulrich asked about the repairs to the parking lot in front of the DEC building. Mr. Stegemann said there is an agreement between the Agencies and the lot will be patched.

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

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 10:30 a.m.

### **Full Agency**

**2:30 PM**

Chairwoman Ulrich reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 2:30 p.m.

#### **1) Committee Reports**

##### **a) State Land Committee**

Mr. Booth asked for a motion for Board authorization for the Essex Chain Lakes Complex UMP to proceed to public comment.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Board authorized the staff to proceed to public comment. Mr. Austin asked Kathy Regan to explain how the public would know when public comment was being accepted. Ms. Regan said it would be posted on the Agency website and there would be a press release.

Ms. Ulrich, Mr. Craig, Ms. Feldman, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wilt, Mr. Austin, Ms. Scozzafava and Mr. Stegemann voted for authorization. Mr. Booth voted against. Mr. Lussi was absent and excused.

##### **b) Local Government Services**

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously approved the Town of Willsboro Local Land Use Amendment involving the complete repeal of the existing town zoning law and replacement with revised and updated Local Land Use Laws.

c) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved the Bay Pond Condominiums project involving the application of the pesticide Prenfish to remove non-native largemouth bass from Bay Pond. (P2015-0072)

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously authorized General Permit 2015G-2 "Management of Aquatic Invasive Species Using Benthic Barriers and Hand Harvesting Techniques to proceed to public comment. (GP2015G-2)

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously approved Carol and Dana Ste. Claire and Michelle and George Audette's project involving a third renewal of a minor permit for a two-lot subdivision into sites to construct two single-family dwellings. (P2002-0123R3)

**2) Interim Reports**

a) Park Policy and Planning

On motion by Mr. Austin seconded by Mr. Booth, the Agency unanimously approved the August 2015 Park Policy and Planning Committee Minutes.

The Administration, Economic Affairs, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, 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**

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skier Association, addressed the Board regarding amendments to the State Land Master Plan and thanked Agency and Department staff for their continued work with his group. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Dan Plumley, Adirondack Wild, addressed the Board with concerns regarding the Essex Chain Lakes Complex UMP. He referenced Adirondack Wild's letter dated July 27, 2015 addressing those concerns. He also invited the Board to read Adirondack Wild's Annual Report and encouraged a discussion. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

#### **6) Local Government Review Board Comment**

Mr. Monroe reported that the Local Government Review Board was pleased with the final draft of the Essex Chain Lakes Complex UMP. He said the connection trail to Minerva was critical. He said the LGRB considers the SLMP to be a working document that must evolve with the needs of the public.

#### **7) Member Comment**

Ms. Scozzafava said the public lands within the Park belong to all New Yorkers and need to be accessible for many uses. She thanked Mr. Konowitz for his comments regarding backcountry skiing.

Mr. Booth stated that he was disappointed with the decision by the Board authorizing the Essex Chain Lakes Complex to proceed to public comment. He said if amendments were going to be made to the SLMP, they should be changes to the text, not interpretation. He said he had material for the Board.

Mr. Stegemann acknowledged the concerns of Mr. Monroe and Mr. Booth in regard to SLMP amendments. He said the UMP was very well thought through and debated by the agencies. He thanked everyone for their work. He also commented on how smoothly the Silviculture projects were being processed.

Ms. Feldman said it was the Board's obligation by law to proceed to public comment on the Essex Chain Lakes Complex UMP. She encouraged public comment and looked forward to feedback from the public. She thanked staff for their efforts.

Mr. Craig said he accepts this step in the UMP process. He said that with time and public comments there may be changes. He said he agreed with Mr. Booth's comment and encouraged the Board to take this opportunity to act on SLMP amendments.

Mr. Austin said the UMP draft was a blueprint of the Agency's vision during the classification of this land. He thanked Department and Agency staff.

Ms. Martino commented on how busy the summer has been for the Agency. She thanked staff for their ongoing work. She congratulated Ms. Regan on her one-year anniversary as Deputy Director of Planning.

Ms. Ulrich thanked staff for their work on the UMP. She said it is a balance between protecting the land and making it accessible. She agreed with Mr. Craig's comment and said it is an unprecedented opportunity to be at the point of opening the SLMP for amendments.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Attachments:  
P2015-0072  
GP2015G-2  
P2002-0123R3

---

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman