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PARK POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
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The Committee convened at 2:20 p.m.

Park Policy and Planning Committee Members Present:

Dr. Chad Dawson, Chair, Dan Wilt, William Thomas, Bradley Austin (ESD)

Other Members and Designees Present:

Sherman Craig, John Ernst, Barba Rice, Karen Feldman, Robert Stegemann (DEC), Lynn Mahoney (DOS)

Agency Staff Present:

Terry Martino, Sarah Reynolds, Kathy Regan, Robyn Burgess, Keith McKeever, Kate-Lyn Knight, Sara Staab, Rick Weber, Annemarie Peer.

Kathy Regan gave a review of the Planning Division's highlights which included John Barge developing tools for staff to map view sheds in ATRADS and that he had arranged an ESRI GIS training workshop. Ms. Regan also noted that Robyn Burgess co-presented with the Town of Horicon on the Town zoning law rewrite and assisted with a DOS training. She reminded the Board that the Local Government Day will be on April 18 and 19, 2018. Ms. Regan mentioned that there are several UMPs and UMP amendments in the works, including some for the Olympic Regional Development Authority.

Town of Essex Map Amendment MA2017-01 (Matt Kendall)

Matt Kendall reviewed the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Town of Essex in Essex County. The Town has 15 different parcels. The Town has worked with the Agency for several years on this project. The Town's mission was to have their zoning map align with the Adirondack Park Agency's maps.

Eleven of the fifteen amendments proposed placing land in to more restrictive classifications, while four proposed placing land in less restrictive classifications. A new alternative was introduced in the FSEIS for Area A.

Bob Stegemann asked if the Town has an approved land use plan? Mr. Kendall responded that it does not. Mr. Stegemann asked if a Town does, are there requirements that Town zoning maps match the Agency map. Mr. Kendall responded if it is an approved plan then they do have to match up with density.

Mr. Kendall presented a summary map, showing the Town zoning changes and Agency's map amendments proposed to meet the Town's objective.

Mr. Kendall then reviewed each area, providing maps and staff's recommendations.

Area A: Moderate Intensity Use to Low Intensity Use; 35.4 acres; Staff recommendation is to alternate 21.9 acres. A new Alternative (A1) was introduced in the FSEIS. The original Alternative map amendment was larger than the Town wanted. The Area was reduced in size to match the Town zoning map.

Area B: Low Intensity Unit to Resource Management 24.3 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Area C: Resource Management to Hamlet 5.5 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Area D: Moderate Intensity Use to Resource Management 18.5 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Area E: Low Intensity Use to Resource Management 2.3 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Area F: Resource Management to Rural Use 60.7 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town required.

Area G: Rural Management to Low Intensity Use 76.1 acre; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Area H: Rural Use to Resource Management 266.6 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Area I: Rural Use to Resource Management 2,599 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Area J: Rural Use to Resource Management 49 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Area K: Rural Use to Resource Management 706.6 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Area L: Low Intensity Use to Rural Use 709.4 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Area M: Low Intensity Use to Rural Use 487.1 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Area N: Rural Use to Low Intensity Use 35.3 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Area O: Rural Use to Resource Management 442.1 acres; Staff recommendation is to reclassify as Town requested.

Mr. Kendall finished his presentation by requesting the Board accept the FSEIS and authorize staff to complete the SEQR process and issue the order following this completion.

Mr. Stegemann asked why the Town wanted to change Area O from Rural Use to Resource Management when it was surrounded by lands classified as Rural Use. Mr. Kendall answered the Town's Resource Management area contains rugged and steep terrain on the Town's western boundary and although this character extends west in to the neighboring town, the Town's requested map amendment does not.

Chairman Craig asked if it was unusual for a town to request this (large) amount of land be reclassified as Resource Management. Mr. Kendall responded it is not typical; the Town already had these lands classified in a restrictive zoning category and wanted the zoning map to match the Agency map. Mr. Craig asked Mr. Kendall if he was comfortable with these new classifications. Mr. Kendall responded yes.

A motion was made by Dan Wilt to accept the FSEIS and to authorize the staff to prepare a SEQR finding statement and order for the map amendments. The motion was seconded by Bill Thomas, all were in favor.

Dr. Dawson adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Old Business

New Business