



Adirondack Park Agency

SHERMAN CRAIG
Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, March, 2018

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherman Craig, Chairman
Chad Dawson, Member
John Ernst, Member
Karen Feldman, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
Barbara Rice, 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
Sarah Reynolds, Acting Counsel

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

Lynne Mahoney, Designee, NYS Department of State

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer
Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2
Mary Palmer, Office Assistant 2
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director Planning
Matt McNamara, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Elaine Caldwell, Administrative Officer
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Public Comment

None

2. Approval of February 1-2, 2018 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of February 1-2, 2018 with minor corrections. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Recusals

Mr. Lussi recused himself from the Gore and Whiteface UMP amendment discussions.

Ms. Reynolds recused herself from the APSLMP Travel Corridor amendment discussion.

4. Motion for Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously approved the motion for Executive Session.

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino recognized Team USA for their accomplishments at the 2018 Winter Olympics. She acknowledged the local athletes who competed and commented on how inspirational it is to see the athletes training here in our region.

Ms. Martino commented on the Governor's announcement that Lake Placid will host the 2023 World University Games. She thanked Mr. Lussi for his efforts to bring the games here.

She said the Governor's broadband program grants will help bring high-speed internet to the Adirondacks. She said this has been a high priority of the Common Ground Alliance and Adirondack Foundation and will be very good for Park stakeholders.

Ms. Martino gave an overview of the 2017 Annual Report. She said complete individual Division reports and the 2017 Board Highlights are posted on the website and linked from the on-line report. She thanked staff and Board members for their dedication to the work that is accomplished throughout the year. She thanked Keith McKeever for compiling the report. She said the Annual Report and its distribution is a statutory requirement for the Agency. She reported staff welcomed the opportunity to pause and look back to 2017 as we are well positioned for the continued work before the Agency in 2018.

Chairman Craig commented on the amount of work that goes into the Report. He thanked staff and Ms. Martino for their efforts. Ms. Feldman said it serves to remind everyone of the work that has been accomplished.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:50 a.m.

Full Agency

Mr. Craig reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:25 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) State Land Committee

Sarah Reynolds was recused. On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously accepted the DSEIS for the amendment to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) involving clarification of the Travel Corridors classification category definition and guidelines for management and use, and amendment of related provisions and authorized it to proceed to public comment.

Mr. Craig asked members to try to attend one of the public hearings. Ms. Reynolds returned to the meeting.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution for the Inter-Agency Guidelines for Implementing Best Management Practices to Control Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species on DEC Administered Land of the Adirondack Park.

Mr. Lussi said his former mentor, Commissioner Katie Roberts, would have been proud of all of Ms. Feldman's efforts in the fight against invasives.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution for the Siting, Construction and Maintenance of Singletrack Bicycle Trails on Forest Preserve Lands Guidance with ministerial changes as necessary to protect against invasive species.

Mr. Lussi was recused. On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Ms. Rice, the Agency unanimously authorized the Whiteface UMP amendment to proceed to public comment regarding conformance with the APSLMP.

Mr. Lussi was recused. On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously authorized the Gore Mountain UMP amendment to proceed to public comment regarding conformance with the APSLMP.

Mr. Lussi returned to the meeting.

b) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

Mr. Thomas reported on the Adirondack Diversity Initiative presentation by Peter Nelson and Melanie Reding.

c) Regulatory Programs Committee

Mr. Wilt commented on the report by Mr. Weber on variances for delegated approval, the Variance Application update, and the Large-scale Subdivision Application update.

d) Administration Committee

Mr. Craig reported the committee met to start the process of interviewing candidates for the Counsel position.

Mr. Craig said there were no decisions to report from the Executive Session.

2) Interim Reports

The Economic Affairs, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Local Government Services, Park Ecology, and Park Policy and Planning committees did not meet this month.

3) Old Business

None

4) New Business

None

5) Public Comment

None

6) Member Comment

Mr. Monroe commented positively on the invasive guidelines and the delegation of variance applications. He questioned when APSLMP amendments should be brought back to the Legislature for approval. Dr. Dawson said that by force of law, amendment approval has been delegated to the Agency.

Mr. Wilt said in his new position as Chair of the Regulatory Committee, he now has a better appreciation of all the work the division gets done. He thanked Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs.

Ms. Rice said the meetings are always interesting and educational. She commented on the Diversity Initiative presentation. She acknowledged International Women's Day.

Mr. Lussi said the Diversity Initiative presentation sent a good message. He expressed his appreciation and respect for Mr. Nelson's work on this initiative in addition to his obligations as a professor at North Country Community College.

Mr. Ernst commented on the large scope of the Diversity Initiative presentation.

Mr. Stegemann said Agency and Department staff are passionate about the work they do and therefore accomplish so many projects. He said the Diversity Initiative was important work and could uncover many opportunities.

Ms. Feldman commented on the Diversity Initiative presentation. She said she was struck by the teamwork happening now among staff and various agencies. She congratulated the NYS Forest Rangers for the recognition received for a rescue mission in the High Peaks. Mr. Craig said the DOS and ESD were also great partners in the teamwork happening.

Mr. Austin said he had recently seen a sign for a sanctuary restaurant. He said there must be outreach to all backgrounds to improve diversity in the Park.

Dr. Dawson said he had a conversation with two couples who expressed their support of the APA and encouraged the Agency to listen and not be defensive.

Ms. Reynolds wished all a happy International Women's Day.

Ms. Martino noted the very busy meetings so far this year and thanked staff. She commented on the Diversity Initiative presentation and said immigrants can transform communities.

Mr. Craig said he was proud to have delivered the 2016/17 Classification Package final notebook to the Governor's office. He thanked DEC and APA staff, the environmental groups, and local governments who made this possible.

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

Sherman Craig, Chairman