



## Adirondack Park Agency

**SHERMAN CRAIG**  
Chairman

**TERRY MARTINO**  
Executive Director

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**Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 4/26/18**  
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**APRIL 12, 2018**

### **ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING**

**Thursday, April 12, 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  
Lynne Mahoney, Designee, NYS Department of State  
Brad Austin, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development  
Robert Stegemann, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
Sarah Reynolds, Acting Counsel

#### **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  
Walt Linck, Environmental Program Specialist 2 (Natural Resources)  
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He said he attended the Frontier Town groundbreaking ceremony and looked forward to the project.

**1. Public Comment**

None

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

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2018. 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 Whiteface UMP amendment discussions.

**4. Motion for Executive Session**

None

**5. Executive Director's Report**

Keith McKeever gave the report in Executive Director Martino's absence. Mr. McKeever thanked Ms. Martino for her work as Executive Director for nearly ten years.

Mr. McKeever reported on the Travel Corridor APSLMP Amendment public hearing held at the Agency headquarters on April 11, 2018. He said approximately fifty people attended with thirteen speaking. He thanked staff and Board members that attended. He said the next hearings would be April 24 in Old Forge and April 25 in Albany.

Mr. McKeever commented on the upcoming Local Government Day Conference on April 18-19 in Lake Placid. He applauded the outstanding work by Robyn Burgess and staff on organizing the event in partnership with the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, NYS Empire State Development, NYS Department of State and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Mr. McKeever congratulated the Town of Lake George for adopting their Economic Development Plan. He said the plan was developed with the help of Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant – Economic Affairs, through the HEPA program.

He reported that amended applications for Large-Scale Subdivisions and Variances have been posted to the Agency website. He said the amended applications are designed to be more user-friendly and cost effective.

Mr. McKeever commented on the Governor's NYS budget which funds the Environmental Protection Fund, clean water initiatives, ORDA facility investments and the North Country Lodging Fund among others. He said the budget will be beneficial to the Park.

He said the *2017 Annual Report* has been distributed to the Governor, State Legislators, County Clerks, and Town Supervisors within the Park as required by Agency statute.

He said staff continue to update various flyers including the boathouse and shoreline stabilization flyers and are working to create a new flyer on boat washing stations.

Mr. McKeever reported on his participation in the 2018 Wilmington Community Dinner. He said he introduced the Citizen of the Year Award to two Lake Placid Elementary School students, Henry Loher and Charlie Wilson for their efforts in organizing the "Hardy Kids Bike Race" as part of the Wilmington Mountain Bike Festival as well as their work on the bike trails. He said their work has inspired the entire community. He said Supervisor Randy Preston was honored with the Community Achievement Award for his contributions and civil service to both Wilmington and the region, including his service with the fire department, work on the bike trails, and efforts to reduce road salt. Supervisor Preston was present in the audience.

Ms. Feldman added that funding had increased for fighting invasive species.

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

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

### **Full Agency**

Mr. Craig reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Lussi was recused. On motion by Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously adopted the Whiteface Mountain UMP Amendment Resolution on APSLMP Conformance with the addition of a provision addressing the protection of the Bicknell's Thrush.

Mr. Lussi returned to the meeting.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously authorized the Black River Wild Forest UMP Amendment to proceed to public comment for APSLMP conformance.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously authorized the Cranberry Lake Boat Launch UMP amendment to proceed to public comment.

On motion by Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously authorized the Lake George Beach and Battlefield Park UMP amendment to proceed to public comment.

b) Economic Affairs Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on the Adirondack Watershed Institute Business Community Outreach Program presentation by Tom Williams.

c) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously approved P2017-211, Adirondack Treetop Adventure, authorizing a new treetop adventure course tourist attraction consisting of 36 platforms and 44 obstacle features suspended from mature trees within the existing forest in the Town of Lake Luzerne, Warren County as amended.

Mr. Austin asked if the Town decided to shorten the operating hours, must the Board revisit the project. Ms. Reynolds told him the reduction of operating hours by the Town would not need Board approval.

Mr. Wilt reported on the Shoreline Stabilization Guidance presented by Shaun LaLonde.

**2) Interim Reports**

a) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its March meeting.

The Administration, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Local Government Services, Park Ecology, Public Awareness and Communication, 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 said the Local Government Review Board was relieved the proposed State Land PILOT plan was removed from the NYS budget.

Ms. Mahoney applauded the Governor's promotion of local history in the Park.

Ms. Rice commented on the presentation of the Adirondack Watershed Institute Business Community Outreach Program by Tom Williams.

Mr. Ernst said he was pleased with the Frontier Town groundbreaking as it marked the start of work on the project. He commented on the presentation by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Stegemann announced the old train cars that were being stored in the Adirondacks were being removed. He thanked Albany DEC staff for their work on the Frontier Town project.

Ms. Feldman said she had attended the Frontier Town groundbreaking ceremony. She said the project was the result of teamwork between agencies, towns and businesses. She thanked State Land and DEC staff for their work.

Mr. Austin thanked staff for their action on the UMPs. He said team work and public comment keep this work moving forward. He said the Frontier Town project was the result of many agencies working together.

Dr. Dawson thanked staff for their work. He said the staff presentations helped the Board in their decision making.

Mr. Thomas commented on Mr. Williams' presentation which highlighted the need to balance the economy and environment to improve lives.

Ms. Reynolds thanked Agency and Department staff and the Board for their support as she transitioned to Acting Counsel.

Mr. Craig said that after years of work the UMPs are clicking along. He commented on the Travel Corridor public hearing, the Frontier Town project and the upcoming Local Government Day Conference. He thanked staff for their work.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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Sherman Craig, Chairman

Attachment: P2017-211