



## Adirondack Park Agency

**SHERMAN CRAIG**  
Chairman

**TERRY MARTINO**  
Executive Director

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**Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 5/23/18**  
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**MAY 10, 2018**

### **ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING**

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

#### **AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Sherman Craig, Chairman  
Chad Dawson, Member  
John Ernst, Member  
Karen Feldman, Member  
Arthur Lussi, Member  
William Thomas, Member  
Dan Wilt, Member  
Matthew Tabo, 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**

Most staff were present for the presentation of retirement resolutions for Suzanne McSherry and Ed Snizek.

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)

Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed Matt Tebo, DOS, who was sitting at the Board in Lynne Mahoney's absence.

He announced Barb Rice's resignation and thanked her for her service on the Board.

He welcomed everyone to attend the Arbor Day tree dedication honoring John Collins, Jr.

**1. Public Comment**

Three individuals stood to speak but were commenting on issues being deliberated by the Board. Chairman Craig explained they could make their comments at the end of the meeting.

**2. Approval of April 12, 2018 Agency Minutes**

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of April 12, 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 discussions on the Gore Mountain and Mount VanHoevenburg UMP amendments and from P2017-228, the ORDA project.

Mr. Ernst recused himself from the Vanderwhacker Wild Forest and the High Peaks Wilderness UMP amendments.

**4. Motion for Executive Session**

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

**5. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Martino reported the Local Government Day conference was the largest ever with approximately 360 registered guests. She thanked the steering committee members, staff, and partners for their work. She thanked Robyn Burgess and Kate-Lyn Knight for their tremendous efforts and coordination providing a successful conference.

She said Kathy Regan attended the three public hearings for the Travel Corridor amendments. She said staff are compiling the full record of public comment.

Ms. Martino said the Arbor Day hemlock tree dedication to John Collins, Jr., a former Agency Chairman and citizen volunteer, was also to bring awareness to the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid invasive species. She encouraged all to visit the Department's website to find ways that each individual can help in this battle.

Ms. Martino read and presented Suzanne McSherry and Ed Snizek with retirement resolutions. Both received standing ovations in appreciation for their work as dedicated public servants.

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

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:35 a.m.

### **Full Agency**

Mr. Craig reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:15 p.m.

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

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

Ms. Feldman reported on the Mount VanHoevenburg UMP Amendment presentation by Mike Pratt from ORDA.

Mr. Ernst recused himself from the Vanderwhacker Wild Forest and High Peaks Wilderness UMP amendments.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously authorized the Vanderwhacker Wild Forest UMP Amendment to proceed to public comment.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Agency unanimously authorized the High Peaks Wilderness UMP Amendment to proceed to public comment.

Mr. Ernst returned to the meeting.

Mr. Lussi recused himself from the Gore Mountain UMP amendment.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by, the Agency unanimously adopted the Gore Mountain UMP Amendment Resolution on APSLMP conformance.

Mr. Lussi returned to the meeting.

##### **b) Park Ecology Committee**

Mr. Ernst commented on Mr. Snizek's report.

Mr. Ernst reported on the Lake Champlain Basin Program overview by Dr. Eric Howe, Program Director.

c) Regulatory Programs Committee

Mr. Lussi recused himself from the ORDA and Town of Johnsborg order and permit.

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously approved P2017-228, ORDA and Town of Johnsborg, authorizing the extension and re-alignment of Lift 13, creating a short new Alpine Trail to connect the new top of Lift 13 with Moxham ski trail, installing new lighting at Trail 12N and the Village Slopes and converting the current Half and Half glades to an alpine trail. ORDA will also install a high ropes course, a non-linear zip coaster, a miniature golf course and a summer tubing hill having a footprint of approximately 22,500 square feet. Additional lighting will also be installed for parking, safety and security. The village will acquire 3.85 acres from FrontStreet Mountain Development, LLC to undertake the project in the Town of Johnsborg, Warren County.

Mr. Lussi returned to the meeting.

**2) Interim Reports**

Mr. Craig reported no action was taken during Executive Session.

a) Economic Affairs Committee

On motion by Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its April 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**

David Gomlak, owner of Jack Rabbit Hostel in Lake Placid, commented on the Cascade trailhead parking. He urged the Board not to move the trailhead to Mt. VanHoevenburg therefore increasing the hike. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skiing Association, commented on the Wright Peak ski trail amendment. He said it was a victory for backcountry skiers. He read a statement from his association. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

## **6) Member Comment**

Mr. Monroe said he agreed with Mr. Gomlak regarding the Cascade trailhead parking. He said the Local Government Review Board generally supports the Vanderwhacker and High Peaks UMP amendments. He said the Review Board also supports the Adirondack Powder Skiing Association. He said the Agency should move forward with the Ski Trail Guidance and SLMP amendments at the same time. He announced he will be retiring in the fall from the Local Government Review Board.

Mr. Wilt congratulated Suzanne McSherry and Ed Snizek on their retirement.

Mr. Lussi commented on the Local Government Day Conference. He gave kudos to the Planning Division for a job well done. He said he was pleased with the dedication to John Collins. He said the Regulatory Program Division should take public comment by email the same way State Land does. He congratulated Ms. McSherry and Mr. Snizek and welcomed Mr. Tebo to the Board in Ms. Mahoney's absence.

Mr. Ernst congratulated Ms. McSherry and Mr. Snizek on their retirement.

Mr. Stegemann congratulated Ms. McSherry and Mr. Snizek. He acknowledged the UMP accomplishment at this meeting. He said the discussion about overuse issues was important and he appreciated the public comments.

Ms. Feldman congratulated Ms. McSherry and Mr. Snizek. She thanked Ms. Rice for her work on the Board and wished her well. She said it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Monroe and she hopes to continue working with him in his retirement. She thanked Mr. Lussi for arranging the guest speaker, Olympian Tim Burke, at the Local Government Day Conference.

Dr. Dawson thanked the Planning Division and DEC staff for all their work. He congratulated Ms. McSherry and Mr. Snizek and thanked Ms. Rice for her work as a Board member.

Mr. Thomas congratulated Ms. McSherry and Mr. Snizek. He thanked Ms. Feldman and Ms. Regan for their work on the UMPs. He said he and Mr. Monroe had been on the boards together for 28 years.

Ms. Reynolds said she would miss Ms. McSherry and Mr. Snizek very much. She thanked them for sharing their knowledge and experience with her.

Ms. Martino thanked Ms. Rice for her work as a Board member. She thanked Mr. Tebo for attending the meeting. She said Ms. McSherry and Mr. Snizek had a combined 59 years of public service and wished them well in their retirement. She said it was important to acknowledge Mr. Collins' work by the tree dedication.

Mr. Craig congratulated Ms. McSherry and Mr. Snizek on their retirement. He said more retirements are coming. He said one must prepare for change by building on the knowledge of one's predecessors. He commented on the Local Government Day Conference and said he has received very positive feedback.

He announced he would not be at the June Agency meeting due to a personal conflict.

He said the September 13 Agency meeting is the same day as the State primaries and members should plan accordingly.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Sherman Craig, Chairman

Attachment: P2017-228