



## Adirondack Park Agency

**KAREN FELDMAN**  
Acting Chair

**TERRY MARTINO**  
Executive Director

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**Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 8/29/18 3:00 pm TDM:sas**

**AUGUST 9, 2018**

### **ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING**

**Thursday, August 9, 2018**

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

Karen Feldman, Acting Chair  
Chad Dawson, Member  
John Ernst, Member  
Arthur Lussi, 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  
Terry Martino, Executive Director  
Sarah Reynolds, Acting Counsel

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT**

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

#### **AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

Elaine Caldwell, Administrative Officer  
Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer  
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning  
Robyn Burgess, AP Local Planning Assistance Specialist  
Kate-Lyn Knight, Environmental Program Specialist 1  
Annemarie Peer, Office Assistant 2  
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3  
Susan Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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Acting Chair Feldman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She said last month the Board bid goodbye to Sherman Craig, and this month she looks forward to continuing Mr. Craig's work as Acting Chair. She thanked the Board for their encouragement and

support. She said she looks forward to working with the Department and other agencies as well as local governments, communities and environmental groups.

Ms. Feldman announced Mr. Lussi would be taking over as Chair of the Enforcement Committee and as Acting Chair of the Legal Committee. The Board agreed. She said a new Chair for the State Land Committee would be announced next month.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Approval of July 12-13, 2018 Agency Minutes**

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of July 12-13, 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 Reclassification involving Gore Mountain and Gore UMP amendment; and the Mount Van Hoevenberg UMP amendment.

**4. Motion for Executive Session**

None.

**5. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Martino recalled the Board said goodbye and showed appreciation to Chairman Craig and now welcomes Acting Chair Feldman. She reported Ms. Feldman had met with staff and will continue working and meeting with managers and divisions. She commented on Ms. Feldman's appointment in 2013 and how the Board and staff have benefitted from her background as a lawyer.

Ms. Martino reported Dan Kelleher had been a speaker at the recent Adirondack Lakes Association meeting held in Paul Smiths where he commended the Association's work on preventing invasive species. She said the meeting also addressed the ongoing work on road salt usage throughout the Park.

She said it was exciting to have Governor Cuomo at the Hotel Saranac to announce a \$10 million-dollar State Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant to the Village of Saranac Lake. She said this was a great addition to the Town's designation as an "All-American City" in 1998.

Ms. Feldman said two years ago, the Town of Hudson won the DRI grant. She said committees were immediately formed to review and select applications. She said the Town is now starting to award the grants and looks forward to seeing the results. Mr. Austin said these grants can be transformative. Ms. Mahoney reported she had recently been part of tour of DIR projects and the results were impressive and instill hope in these towns. Ms. Feldman suggested that the Board hear presentations from the Village of Saranac Lake as their projects progress.

Ms. Martino reported executive staff continue to address vacant positions and are working with Civil Service to fill them.

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

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:20 a.m.

### **Full Agency**

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Board unanimously reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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

##### **a) Local Government Services Committee**

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution on the repeal and replacement of the Town of Caroga, Fulton County, Zoning Ordinance.

##### **b) Regulatory Programs Committee**

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Board unanimously approved P2014-13 authorizing the expansion of a pre-existing campground on Resource Management lands from 94 sites to a total buildout of 167 sites with the added language to require native plantings. All sites will be designed to accommodate recreational vehicles. A bathhouse, pavilion, and game-room will be constructed. Access to the site will be off Route 9 at an existing access point, which will be modified to accommodate increased traffic. The campground expansion will be served by municipal water supply, underground utilities and community on-site wastewater treatment systems.

b) State Land Committee

Mr. Lussi recused himself from the Reclassifications involving Gore Mountain and the Gore UMP Amendment.

On motion by Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously accepted the FSEIS and Adoption of the Resolution on Reclassifications Involving Gore Mountain and the Gore UMP Amendment and APSLMP Conformance.

Mr. Lussi was recused from the Mount Van Hoevenberg UMP Amendment.

On motion by Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Mr. Ernst the Agency unanimously adopted the Mount Van Hoevenberg UMP Amendment Resolution on APSLMP conformance.

Mr. Lussi returned to the meeting.

**2) Interim Reports**

a) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

On motion by Mr. Austin., seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its July meeting.

The Administration, Economic Affairs, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Park Ecology, Park Policy and Planning, and Public Awareness and Communication committees did not meet this month.

**3) Old Business**

None

**4) New Business**

None

**5) Public Comment**

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skiers Association (APSA) and member of the Adirondack Ski Touring Council, commented on the Mt. Van Hoevenberg and High Peaks trailhead reroutes which he felt would increase traffic on previously low-use trails causing trail degradation as well as increase user conflict. He said separating ski trails from hiking trails is more desirable and a better solution. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

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

Mr. Monroe said the Local Government Review Board was happy with the Mt. Van Hoevenberg and Gore Mountain UMP amendments. He congratulated Ms. Feldman on the Acting Chair position.

## **7) Member Comment**

Ms. Mahoney congratulated Ms. Feldman.

Mr. Wilt congratulated Ms. Feldman.

Mr. Lussi commented on a hiking trip which he said made him aware of the desirability of separating hiking and ski trails as Mr. Konowitz had commented. He said going forward the Board should take this into consideration in future planning. He congratulated Ms. Feldman and thanked staff.

Mr. Ernst congratulated Ms. Feldman.

Mr. Thomas said he regretted missing Mr. Craig's last meeting and he had enjoyed working with him. He congratulated Ms. Feldman.

Dr. Dawson congratulated Ms. Feldman and said he looked forward to working with her.

Mr. Austin thanked Ms. Feldman for taking on the Acting Chair position and its responsibilities.

Mr. Stegemann congratulated Ms. Feldman and thanked her taking the leadership role.

Ms. Reynolds welcomed Ms. Feldman as Acting Chair and said she looked forward to working with her.

Ms. Martino congratulated Ms. Feldman and said she appreciated Ms. Feldman's enthusiasm and outreach to the staff and Board members. She said she would not be present for the September Board meeting.

Ms. Feldman thanked the Board for their support. She said she enjoys working with the Board members, staff and stakeholders throughout the Park. She said she would do her best as a leader but it was very much teamwork. She thanked staff.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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Karen Feldman, Acting Chair

Attachments: P2014-13