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Draft Minutes
Regulatory Programs Committee
February 14, 2019

**MINUTES OF THE REGULATORY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING
February 14, 2019**

The Committee meeting convened at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Regulatory Programs Committee Members Present

Chair Daniel Wilt, Arthur Lussi, John Ernst, and Lynn Mahoney.

Other Members and Designees Present

Acting Chair Karen Feldman, Robert Stegemann, Bradley Austin, Chad Dawson, William Thomas, and Fred Monroe, LGRB.

Agency Staff Present

Terry Martino, Paul Van Cott, Richard Weber, John Burth, Ariel Lynch, Alicia Purzycki, Colleen Parker, Milt Adams, Matt Brown, Sarah Staab, and Devan Korn.

Approval of Draft Committee Minutes for December 2018

A motion to approve the draft committee minutes was made by Arthur Lussi and was seconded by John Ernst. All were in favor.

Deputy Director Report

Mr. Weber briefly discussed the high-profile report. He noted that 23 variance requests are currently under consideration. Thirteen of the requests are for expansions of existing single family dwellings within the shoreline setback. He discussed a minor variance that will be considered under the delegation of authority resolution as well as an emergency authorization project for a DOT retaining wall reconstruction project.

A proposed change to allow signatory authority for both Environmental Program Specialist 3 staff members was discussed. A motion in favor of granting signatory authority for permits, NIPAs, and project completion notices in the absence or unavailability of the Deputy Director Regulatory Programs or Executive Director was made by John Ernst and was seconded by Arthur Lussi. All were in favor. Mr. Austin asked who has authority to rescind such signatory approvals. Mr. Van Cott responded

the Executive Director has such authority as set forth in the Adirondack Park Agency Act.

Project P2018-218 NYS DEC (Ariel Lynch)

Ms. Lynch reviewed the components of the phased trail enhancements at the Frontier Town Campground, Equestrian and Day Use Area. She said the project involves specifically, construction of stone pedestrian steps, a timber foot bridge, additional accessible and non-accessible trails, and four viewpoints. The stone stairway is located 47 feet from the mean high water mark of the Schroon River and requires a variance. The stone stairway measures 4 feet wide by 32 feet long (128 square feet in area). The timber foot bridge is located 50 feet from the Schroon River and crosses an intermittent stream. The foot bridge measures 4 feet 10 inches wide, with 5-foot-wide steps on either side, by 30.3 feet long including the steps (147.5 square feet in area). She noted Phases 1 and 2 of the project have been substantially completed and this is the third phase of the project.

Mr. Ernst asked how long the section of trail was. Ms Lynch responded approximately 1600 feet around the summer day use area.

Ms. Feldman asked if the existing trail would be blocked off to encourage use of the preferred trail. Ms. Lynch said she believed it would be.

Mr. Ernst asked if the stream flooded regularly under the footbridge. Ms. Lynch stated the bridge is proposed to be 18 inches above the mean high water mark of the stream.

Ms. Lynch reviewed the hearing record for the proposed variance. She stated no public comment was received. She discussed the variance factors that have been considered such as minimum relief necessary, and whether the variance will cause detriment to adjoining landowners, whether the difficulty can be resolved by a feasible method other than the granting of a variance, the manner in which the difficulty arose and whether granting the variance will adversely affect existing resources.

Mr. Ernst asked about a hand rail for the stairway. Ms. Lynch responded that none was proposed.

Mr. Lussi and Mr. Austin asked about the use of natural colors for the granite and crushed stone to be used for the project. Both stated that a natural color would blend into the area better making it less visible along the shoreline.

Ms. Feldman asked if the bridge would be composed of natural materials. Ms. Lynch responded that the abutments would be made of steel but natural materials would be used for the rest of the bridge.

Motion was made for approval by Mr. Lussi and was seconded by Mr. Ernst. All were in favor.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The Committee meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.