



Adirondack Park Agency

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Governor

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

May 16-17, 2019

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, May 16, 2019

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES, AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Arthur Lussi, Presiding Chair
Chad Dawson, Member
John Ernst, Member
William Thomas, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Lynne Mahoney, NYS Dept. of State
Brad Austin, Designee, NYS Dept. of Economic Development
Karyn Richards, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Christopher Cooper, Counsel
Terry Martino, Executive Director

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

Karen Feldman, Acting Chair
Bob Stegemann, NYS DEC Designee

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Jerry Delaney, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Kathy Regan, Supervisor, Natural Resources Analysis
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Mary O'Dell, Biologist 2
Kelly McKean, Biologist 1
Robyn Burgess, AP Local Planning Assistance Specialist
Beth Phillips, Senior Attorney

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Presiding Chair Lussi called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Public Comment

Jackie Bowen, Adirondack Council, commented on her work regarding invasive species. She said the Adirondack Council is calling for the reauthorization of the statewide invasive species transport law and requesting mandatory boat inspections in the Park. She congratulated the Summit Stewardship Program on its 30th Anniversary. Her complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

2. Approval of March 14-15 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of March 14-15, 2019. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Recusals

Mr. Lussi recused himself from P2019-39, the Olympic Regional Development Authority project.

4. Motion for Executive Session

None

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino thanked Mr. Lussi for his role as Presiding Chair, and Karyn Richards for representing the Department in Mr. Stegemann's absence. She welcomed Counsel Christopher Cooper and thanked Sarah Reynolds for acting as counsel until Mr. Cooper took the position.

Ms. Martino thanked Mr. McKeever for providing a slide show of the Local Government Day Conference. She congratulated Ms. Burgess and Ms. McKnight for another successful conference. She said it was an honor to recognize the NYS Forest Rangers at this year's luncheon.

Ms. Martino commented on the alarming United Nation's biodiversity report which concluded that nature is declining globally. She thanked Governor Cuomo for banning single use plastic bags in New York in 2020. She said this ban would help eliminate green house emissions as well as litter. She said the UN report highlights the importance of the work of the Agency and its partners in the Park.

She commented on Protect! The Adirondack's recent study *The Adirondack Park and Rural America: Economic and Population Trends* which followed important studies such as the 2009 Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project in providing park data and analysis.

Ms. Martino announced the appointment of Kelly McKean, Biologist 1, Ecology.

She read a retirement resolution for George Hare and expressed her appreciation for the work he did for the Agency.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

Mr. Lussi reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:40 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

Mr. Wilt reported on the Telecommunications Review and Permitting Presentation by Ariel Lynch.

Mr. Lussi recused himself. On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Board unanimously approved P2019-39, Olympic Regional Development Authority, involving construction of a new four-cable zip line at the ORDA Olympic Jumping Complex and the following modifications to previously authorized improvements: the K64/HS70 ski jump will be relocated to the north of the replacement ski lift, the HS20/HS10 jump will be relocated to an area immediately west of the freestyle jump hill, approximately 0.57 acres of trees will be removed in addition to the clearing previously described in Order P2018-0025, and minor adjustments will be made to the lengths and locations of the landing areas for the HS134 zipline, gondola, and the K64/HS70 and HS20/HS10 jumps in the Town of North Elba, Essex County.

Mr. Lussi returned to the meeting.

b) State Committee

On motion of Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution for the Master Travel Corridor UMP on APSLMP conformance. A copy of the official resolution as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

On motion of Mr. Ernst, seconded by Ms. Richards, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution for the Hammond Pond Wild Forest UMP on APSLMP conformance. A copy of the official resolution as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant, Economic Affairs
Susan Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

Full Agency

Mr. Lussi reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 11:10 a.m.

c) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Ernst reported on the presentation by Brendan Quirion, Erin Vennie-Vollrath and Zachary Simek from the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) on the 20th anniversary of the program.

Mr. Ernst reported on the presentation by Leigh Walrath and Erin Vennie-Vollrath on the Citizen Science Program for Aquatic Invasives.

Mr. Ernst reported on the presentation by Dr. Eric Holmlund, Paul Smith's College, on the work of the Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI).

d) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

Mr. Lussi reported on the presentation by Kayla White, Summit Steward Coordinator, on the 30th anniversary of the Summit Steward Program.

e) Economic Affairs Committee

On motion by Mr. Austin, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its March meeting.

2) Interim Reports

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

3) Old Business

None

4) New Business

None

5) Public Comment

Pete Fish, retired NYS Forest Ranger, commented on the Cascade Mountain trailhead. He encouraged the Department not to move the trailhead as it would be a lost opportunity to educate the public. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

6) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Delaney said he felt the budget should include an increase to the Environmental Protection Fund to better fund programs such as the Summit Steward Program. He commented on the cell tower presentation and expressed the need for higher towers in the Park. He said upon hearing the presentation on terrestrial invasives, he felt that it would be a good idea for a small farmer to focus on raising native plants which could be used in reseeding projects throughout the Park.

7) Member Comment

Mr. Austin reported the regional economic councils are holding workshops and grants would be awarded in June. He said the presentations highlighted the passion of the people in the Park to protect it.

Dr. Dawson said he appreciated the education provided to the Board through the presentations and would like to see more of them. He felt the presentations were examples of addressing and then solving problems. He said he would be interested to further explore the report that Adirondack Park communities are not much different than other rural areas outside of the Park.

Mr. Ernst commented positively on the Hammond Pond Wild Forest UMP process and how the Board worked through the monitoring needs and issues, and responded to the public comment to complete the UMP.

Mr. Wilt said he was very impressed with Ariel Lynch's cell tower presentation. He said the presentation showed that tower projects can be done in the Park without being invasive. He said cell towers are a health and safety issue and they should continue to be built. He also said he recently read an article about the development of a solvent that can be used to melt down plastics, so they can be reused.

Ms. Mahoney said the presentations were very helpful. She applauded the people in the Park who step up to help protect it.

Ms. Richards expressed her appreciation of the partnership and cooperation between State agencies to accomplish goals.

Mr. Cooper said staff and members have made his transition to the Agency smooth and welcoming. He said he looked forward to working together with other agencies.

Ms. Martino said the presentations made her feel hopeful because partnerships and momentum were clearly making a difference. She commented on the cell tower presentation by Ariel Lynch and the progress being made with tower construction throughout the Park.

Mr. Lussi acknowledged Mr. Fish and said his own grandfather, Arthur Draper, was also a forest ranger. He said he looked forward to planting a commemorative tree in the

Arboretum in June. He said Ms. Feldman would have enjoyed this month's presentations and that he appreciated her leadership.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

, Presiding Chair

Attachments: P2019-39