



Adirondack Park Agency

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Governor

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Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 11/22/19

November 14, 2019

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, November 14, 2019

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES, AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

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

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

Chad Dawson, Member

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Jerry Delaney, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer
Robert Lore, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Shaun LaLonde, Professional Engineer 2
Emily O'Mahoney, Environmental Program Specialist 1
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant – Economic Affairs
Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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Presiding Member Austin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Public Comment

Peter Bauer, Protect! The Adirondacks, commented on two letters he sent to the Agency regarding trail work in the Hammond Pond Wild Forest and Ms. Martino's comments in the October Board meeting regarding the Adirondack Club and Resort project. His complete comments can be viewed on the website above.

2. Approval of October 10-11 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of October 10-11, 2019. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Recusals

None

4. Motion for Executive Session

None

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino reminded the Board to check their mailboxes for correspondence which is received.

Ms. Martino reported on the damaging weather event that took place on Halloween. She said DEC staff are sharing issued emergency authorization forms with Agency staff. She said the Agency's 2015 emergency procedures allow staff to streamline the process for landowners who experience damage. She reported the information has been posted to the Agency's website homepage for easy access by the public.

Ms. Martino said Robyn Burgess and Kate-Lyn Knight are monitoring the election results and have reported there are sixteen new supervisors in the Park. She thanked all who ran for office and all who voted.

Ms. Martino reported staff is reviewing all General Permits and working on updates to the reporting requirements. She said overall review of content is ongoing.

Ms. Martino said she was proud of staff's work on major revisions to the large-scale subdivision permit applications and looked forward to Sarah Reynolds' presentation.

She commented on the recent Alpine Stewardship conference held October 25-27 in Lake Placid. She said the conference provides stewards opportunities to share ideas

and resources. She said Kathy Regan was one of the founders of the program and a past award recipient. She congratulated the Adirondack Summit Stewards on thirty years of success.

Ms. Martino thanked the Cuomo administration for its leadership in combating climate change at this time as the current administration withdraws from the Paris Accord. She commented on a recent report by climate scientists which declares a climate emergency. She said the State Complex Biomass Facility leads by example.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:25 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. for the Biomass Facility Opening at the Ray Brook State Complex.

Mr. Austin reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:50 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

Mr. Wilt reported on the presentation by Sarah Reynolds on Agency Large-Scale Residential Subdivision Permits, 2012-2019.

b) State Land Committee

On motion of Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution on APSLMP conformance for the Sentinel Range Wilderness Area UMP. A copy of the resolution as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

On motion of Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution on APSLMP conformance for the Blue Mountain Wild Forest UMP amendment. A copy of the resolution as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

Mr. Ernst reported on the public draft of the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor UMP amendment presented by John Schmid, DEC.

2) Interim Reports

a) Administration

Ms. Martino said staff is working on the Agency's Building Management System as it relates to the biomass facility. She said updates which are forthcoming will help staff better monitor the temperature fluctuations in the building.

b) Park Ecology Committee

On motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its October meeting.

c) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

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

The Administration, Economic Affairs, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Local Government Services, and Park Policy and Planning committees did not meet this month. Mr. Wilt reported that the Local Government Day Conference committee met, and planning has begun for the 2020 conference.

7) Old Business

None

8) New Business

None

9) Public Comment

None

10) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Delaney applauded the biomass plant as an educational site. He said the data gathered could be used to improve other systems and be beneficial to the climate change issue. He expressed concern that renewable energy infrastructure would be built outside the Park and therefore stakeholders would not receive the economic benefits associated with it.

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11) Member Comment

Ms. Mahoney said she was excited about the biomass facility. She said with the Governor's Climate Change Act New York was leading the way in addressing climate change.

Mr. Wilt commented on the extreme weather event that occurred on October 31st. He thanked the Governor's office, Mr. Stegemann, and the NYS Forest Rangers for assisting with damage control during and after the event.

Mr. Lussi commented on Fred Monroe's work on solar and energy sources when he was a supervisor. He applauded Mr. Delaney for being instrumental in leading his town to be the first in the Park to use a wood heat system. He said the Ray Brook biomass facility would be a useful educational tool.

Mr. Ernst said he enjoyed the biomass tour. He said he felt the Sentinel Range Wilderness Area UMP was a good plan and encouraged staff to monitor the area.

Mr. Stegemann said he had discussions on the recent storm damage with towns in the Park. He applauded the cooperation between agencies in issuing emergency authorizations. He said the biomass project was successful because of the important cooperation between agencies, and gave a special thanks to Jim Morier, DEC, Project Manager.

Mr. Thomas congratulated Mr. Stegemann and all the agencies for completing the biomass facility.

Ms. Martino thanked Sarah Reynolds for her subdivision permit presentation. She thanked Agency staff Elaine Caldwell, George Hare, and Kyle Martin for their work on the biomass facility project. She said the facility was an example of leading by example.

Mr. Austin thanked staff for their work. He thanked Mr. Wilt and all supervisors for their selfless work during weather events and assessing storm damage. He thanked the Board for their work.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Brad Austin, Presiding Member