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## Adirondack Park Agency

TERRY MARTINO  
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 1/7/20

**December 12, 2019**

### **ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING**

**Thursday, December 12, 2019**

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

Brad Austin, Presiding Member, Designee, NYS Dept. of Economic Development  
Chad Dawson, Member  
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

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

Jerry Delaney, Executive Director

#### **AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer  
Robert Lore, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs  
Chris Blue, Environmental Programs Specialist 1  
Robyn Burgess, AP Local Planning Assistance Specialist  
Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2  
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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In the absence of Presiding Member Brad Austin, Lynne Mahoney called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

#### **1. Public Comment**

None

## **2. Approval of November 14 Agency Minutes**

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of November 14, 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 thanked Ms. Mahoney for temporarily filling in for Mr. Austin. She said Mr. Austin would be joining the meeting around 10 am.

Ms. Martino credited the inter-departmental staffs' response to the emergency work due to the October storm. She said legal, regulatory, local government services, RASS, and public information staff worked together to provide efficient permitting and accessibility to necessary information.

She commented on Mr. Weber's ongoing work on the Cellular Task Force. She said reports and recommendations from the task force are forthcoming.

Ms. Martino reported that she and Mr. Weber continue to participate in the High Peaks Strategic Planning group which is being led by NYS DEC designee Stegemann.

She said when the work began on the biomass project, the APA office building was audited by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) to improve the efficiency of the building. She said staff are now working with OGS to implement the next steps suggested in the audit.

Ms. Martino said staff are requesting follow-up documentation from DEC and DOT for projects using wetland General Permits. She said the documentation will support Agency evaluation of how the General Permits are used and if staff should consider changes to them.

Ms. Martino commented on the climate change presentations given to the Board during 2019. She said that Nancy Pelosi attended the COP25 in Madrid, Spain with a delegation of lawmakers to show the United States' commitment to combating climate

change. She noted that Greta Thunberg was named *Times Magazine's* Person of the Year and recommended the article as a powerful read.

Ms. Martino announced the staff appointment of Michael Warner to the position of Maintenance Assistant. He will join Kyle Martin and Michael Martin in the maintenance department.

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

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:55 a.m.

Presiding Member Mr. Austin, reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:15 p.m.

### **1) Committee Reports**

#### **a) Regulatory Programs Committee**

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Board unanimously approved P2019-104, Vertical Bridge Holdings, LLC, the installation of a 90-foot-tall self-supporting monopole tower, concealed as a 95-foot-tall simulated tree, to support cellular antennas at the 86-foot centerline height. An equipment platform at the tower's base is also proposed. An existing access drive will be extended by 100± feet in length to access the tower location in the Town of Elizabethtown, Essex County.

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the Board unanimously approved P2019-196, Lyme Timber Company's timber harvest on 643 acres of Lyme's 14,379-acre Perkins Clearing Tract, consisting of two treatments: 509 acres of shelterwood overstory removal, to release a fully regenerated understory, and remove a deteriorating overstory; and 134 acres of free thinning, to harvest mature overstory trees to concentrate sunlight and resources on crop trees. The project site is within a New York State Working Forest Conservation Easement and is certified to both the Forest Stewardship Council and Sustainable Forestry Initiative standards in the Town of Arietta and Lake Pleasant, Hamilton County.

#### **b) Local Government Services Committee**

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Board unanimously approved the resolution on amendments to the Town of Indian Lake Zoning Ordinance. A copy of the resolution as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

c) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

Mr. Thomas reported on the DEC presentation on the 2019 Smart Growth Grants provided by Dylan Walrath, DEC.

d) Park Policy and Planning Committee

Dr. Dawson reported on the presentation by Nicole Hylton-Patterson, Director, on the strategies and goals of the Adirondack Diversity Initiative.

**2) Interim Reports**

a) State Land Committee

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the committee adopted the Draft minutes of its November meeting with Dr. Dawson abstaining due to his absence in November.

The Administration, Economic Affairs, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, and Park Ecology did not meet this month. Mr. Wilt reported that the Local Government Day Conference committee met, and planning continues for the 2020 conference.

**7) Old Business**

None

**8) New Business**

None

**9) Public Comment**

None

**10) Local Government Review Board Comment**

Mr. Delaney commented on the Adirondack Diversity Initiative presentation. He said he felt Ms. Hylton-Patterson was a good fit for the position of director. He said staff did a good job on the cell tower project presentation and he was pleased that the project was approved.

## **11) Member Comment**

Mr. Stegemann thanked staff for their work and wished all Happy Holidays.

Dr. Dawson commented on the Adirondack Diversity Initiative presentation and said Ms. Hylton-Patterson did a great job of communicating that this initiative will involve everyone working together. He said he watched the large-scale subdivision presentation from the November meeting and thought it was an excellent presentation. He said more research should be sought through various speakers regarding ecological outcomes, because there is very little research available and we do not know the positive or negative effects on wildlife of clustering or spreading out development.

Ms. Mahoney commented on the 2019 Smart Growth Grants presentation. She said DOS, DOH, and the Office of the Aging were working together to create an Age-Friendly New York which was included in the grant funding this year.

Mr. Wilt said the Local Government Day Conference will be held April 29-30. He thanked staff and wished all Happy Holidays.

Mr. Lussi applauded staff for their community outreach efforts. He said efforts such as Ms. Burgess' realtor presentation and Mr. Kelleher's multiple community meetings has improved outreach considerably. He asked if Mr. Kelleher could present on his various community outreach efforts. He commented on the Adirondack Diversity Initiative presentation and said he looks forward to hearing more. He wished all Happy Holidays.

Mr. Ernst said he felt Ms. Hylton-Patterson would be a great director for the Adirondack Diversity Initiative. He said he appreciated Mr. Ziemann's forestry presentation and would like to see more forestry speakers come before the Board. He wished all Happy Holidays.

Mr. Cooper wished all Happy Holidays.

Ms. Martino said the cell tower project presentation was timely in relation to the Cell Tower Task Force in which Mr. Weber has participated. She thanked Dr. Dawson for suggesting the Adirondack Diversity Initiative presentation. She thanked staff and the Board for their work and wished all Happy Holidays.

Mr. Austin applauded the Agency for a great year of product and said he is looking forward to the ongoing work in 2020. He wished all Happy Holidays.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Lynne Mahoney, Presiding Member

Attachments:

P2019-104

P2019-196