



Adirondack Park Agency

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 10/9/20

OCTOBER 8, 2020

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 2020

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES, AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Brad Austin, Presiding Member, Designee, Empire State Development
Chad Dawson, Member
John Ernst, Member
Mark Hall, Member
Andrea Hogan, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
Ken Lynch, Member
Zoe Smith, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Matthew Tebo, Designee, NYS Dept. of State
Joe Zalewski, 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

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Presiding Member Brad Austin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Austin said the Board was meeting remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said staff is working to provide members with a hybrid remote/in-person meeting option. He stressed that health and safety continue to be the highest priority. He asked members to identify themselves when speaking.

1. Approval of September 10-11, 2020 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of September 10-11, 2020. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

2. Recusals

None

3. Motion for Executive Session

None

4. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino reported that the Governor has issued the seventh Executive Order extension regarding open meeting laws and Regulatory Programs review timelines to November 3, 2020. She said NYS has launched CovidAlertNY, a Covid-tracking application for cell phones. She said staff are working on proposals for hybrid remote/in-person meetings including obtaining laptops for members and Mr. Delaney for use in the Agency meeting room.

Ms. Martino said staff will be attending remote public hearings on proposed regulations to ORES which deal with the siting of renewable energy projects. She said more information is available on the ORES website.

She reported on Saranac Lake receiving a Climate Smart award from DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. She congratulated the participants in the Youth Climate Summits on their contributions.

She said that former Olympian, Tim Burke, is working with Paul Smith's College at the new Bi-Athlete field on the campus.

Ms. Martino announced the retirement of Shaun Lalonde Professional Engineer 2. She applauded his contributions and congratulated him. She said his knowledge and expertise would be greatly missed.

Ms. Martino said there had been an agenda change and the Enforcement Committee would not meet Friday, October 9.

Mr. Austin said Mr. Lalonde would be greatly missed at the Agency and wished him well.

5. Review of 2021 Agency Meeting Schedule

Mr. Austin commented on the proposed 2021 Meeting Schedule. Ms. Smith asked if the members could postpone the vote on the schedule to allow for further review. Ms. Martino asked members to send any proposed changes to her.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 1:30 p.m.

Presiding Member Austin reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 4:15 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Hall, the Agency unanimously approved with conditions P2019-74, National Grid, involving a rebuild of two segments of the existing 115 kV transmission line, known as the Ticonderoga-Republic #2 and Ticonderoga-Republic #3, extending from the Republic Steel Substation in the Town of Moriah to the Ticonderoga Substation in the Town of Ticonderoga and from the Ticonderoga Substation to the Whitehall Substation in the Town of Whitehall.

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously authorized all documents of the Wetland General Permit Amendment to proceed to public comment.

Mr. Wilt reported on the Overview of APA Shoreline Variance Jurisdiction presentation by Sarah Reynolds.

2) Interim Reports

a) State Land Committee

On motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Lussi, the committee adopted the Draft minutes of its September meeting.

The Administration, Economic Affairs, Legal Affairs, Local Government Services, Park Ecology, Park Policy and Planning, and Public Awareness committees did not meet this month. Ms. Martino reported that the Pilot Telecommuting Policy administered by

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GOER was extended to January 1, 2021. Mr. Lussi reported the two enforcement matters of Cotazino and Carrothers were postponed.

7) Old Business

Dr. Dawson requested all mailing materials be electronically provided to the Board at least three days prior to the meeting date. Mr. Lussi said he was concerned about the technological glitches and felt the current distribution method was not working. Ms. Smith suggested breaking down Regulatory Programs materials into folders per project. Ms. Hogan said there would not be a solution that worked for everyone and volunteered to work with Ms. Martino on improving the process. Ms. Martino reported the meeting technology glitch was statewide and resulted in the inability to share the general permit and shoreline overview PowerPoints on WebEx, thus requiring the email transmission. She reported the Agency's website has an organized format for the public meeting material. She said she will work with staff to improve the process and that the additional laptop technology may assist. Mr. Austin said everyone will work to make the process easier.

Mr. Hall said he would like small-cell technology to be included in discussions of cell towers. Ms. Martino said staff continue to review the telecom projects and look forward to a future presentation with the Board.

8) New Business

None

9) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Delaney congratulated Shaun Lalonde on his retirement. He said his retirement will be a great loss to the Agency and to the people of the Park. He said he looks forward to further discussion on tall structures in the Park.

10) Member Comment

Mr. Ernst congratulated Mr. Lalonde. He said it was great working with him and that he will be missed.

Mr. Hall congratulated Mr. Lalonde and wished him luck in his retirement.

Dr. Dawson congratulated Mr. Lalonde. He thanked staff for the presentations.

Ms. Hogan congratulated Mr. Lalonde and wished him well. She thanked Ms. Reynolds for her overview. She said she shared in the frustration with the technology glitches and said she would try to help improve the process.

Mr. Lynch thanked Mr. Lalonde for his work and offered his congratulations. He said he felt that the Board meetings were going pretty well considering the circumstances. He thanked staff for their work.

Mr. Zalewski congratulated Mr. Lalonde on his retirement.

Mr. Tebo thanked the Board for welcoming him to the meeting. He thanked staff for the presentations. He congratulated Mr. Lalonde and wished him well.

Mr. Lussi offered kudos to Mr. Lalonde. He said Mr. Lalonde's work represented his integrity. He thanked staff for the presentations.

Mr. Wilt congratulated Mr. Lalonde and wished him well.

Mr. Cooper said staff have been extremely busy and are going above and beyond to continue serving the public. He congratulated Mr. Lalonde.

Ms. Martino said the volume of work staff are doing in the age of Covid is extraordinary. She thanked JIF staff for their work. She thanked the Board for their patience while the Agency works on solutions for the distribution of materials. She congratulated Mr. Lalonde and said his service has been invaluable to the Agency and the public.

Mr. Austin thanked everyone for their work. He commented on the presentations. He reminded everyone to vote November 3.

Mr. Lalonde thanked the Board for their kind words and congratulations. He said it has been an honor and a privilege to work for the Agency.

Ms. Smith thanked staff for their presentation which she found very informative.

Mr. Austin said Mr. Lalonde's retirement is a huge loss to the Agency and that he will be missed.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Brad Austin, Presiding Member

Attachments:
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