



# Adirondack Park Agency

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Governor

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Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 12/11/20/20

**DECEMBER 10, 2020**

## **ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING**

**Thursday, December 10, 2020**

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

Brad Austin, Presiding Member, Designee, Empire State Development  
Dr. 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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[http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=2](http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2).

Presiding Member Brad Austin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Austin said the Board was meeting remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said staff are 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 October 8, 2020 Agency Minutes**

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2020. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

## **2. Recusals**

Mr. Lynch recused himself from the Essex Chain Lakes UMP Amendment.

## **3. Motion for Executive Session**

None

## **4. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Martino welcomed Matt Tebo. She reported that Ms. Mahoney has announced her retirement after thirty-seven years of state service. Ms. Martino wished her congratulations and best wishes.

She said she had discussed with Ms. Hogan the organization and distribution of the monthly mailing materials via the Agency website. She thanked Bob Kreider, Elizabeth Stankus, and Elaine Caldwell for their work in addressing equipment needs.

Ms. Martino reported on Dan Kelleher's data on the robust home sales and higher median prices in the Park during the pandemic. She said applications and JIFs have greatly increased while the Agency has had a reduction in staff due to retirements. She said RASS work has increased and thanked Alicia Purzycki and Sam Boese for their work since Shaun Lalonde's retirement.

She said staff will be working on the year-end reports and preparation of the Agency's Annual Report.

Ms. Martino reported staff have attended the ORES meetings on the proposed regulations for renewable energy projects. She said staff will continue to consult with ORES as the new regulations are finalized.

She thanked the Governor for signing the Randy Preston Road Salt Reduction Act aimed at protecting waterways and drinking water in the Park.

Mr. Lussi asked staff to consider the life of solar panels and wind turbines and how to dispose of them when reviewing renewable projects.

## **5. Review of 2021 Agency Meeting Schedule**

On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zalewski, the Agency unanimously approved the 2021 Agency Meeting Schedule as amended to change the April meeting dates from April 8-9 to April 15-16, 2021.

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

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Hogan, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 10:00 a.m.

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

### **1) Committee Reports**

#### **a) State Land Committee**

On motion of Mr. Ernst, seconded by Ms. Hogan, the Agency accepted the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement and directed staff to schedule hearings and a public comment period on the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement and the proposed reclassifications, including all considered alternatives, to be held jointly with DEC's hearings and comment period for the Draft UMP for the Debar Mountain Complex which includes the Debar Lodge Day Use Area with Mr. Austin, Mr. Ernst, Mr. Hall, Ms. Hogan, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Lussi, Mr. Wilt, Mr. Tebo, and Mr. Zalewski voting for and Ms. Smith and Dr. Dawson voting against.

Mr. Lynch recused himself. On motion of Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency authorized adoption of the Essex Chain Lakes UMP Amendment Resolution on APSLMP Conformance with Mr. Austin, Mr. Ernst, Mr. Hall, Ms. Hogan, Mr. Lussi, Ms. Smith, Mr. Wilt, Mr. Tebo, and Mr. Zalewski voting for and Mr. Dawson voting against.

Mr. Lynch returned to the meeting.

#### **b) Regulatory Programs Committee**

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously approved General Permit 2014G-1B Management of Terrestrial Invasive Species in or Potentially Impacting Wetlands in the Adirondack Park.

## **2) Interim Reports**

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

## **7) Old Business**

None

## **8) New Business**

Mr. Hall asked if there was a policy about members attending meetings outside of the Agency. Mr. Cooper said members can attend meeting in an individual capacity, not on behalf of the Board or representing the position of the APA. Ms. Martino noted that representation of the Agency follows on concurrence with the Chair. Mr. Cooper said that if a member had questions regarding attendance at a meeting to call him.

## **9) Local Government Review Board Comment**

Mr. Delaney commended staff on the technology provided to allow for the remote meetings. He said the Debar presentation brought up questions for him on the SLMP and areas for consideration for change.

## **10) Member Comment**

Ms. Mahoney joined the meeting to say goodbye. She announced she will retire at the end of the year. She thanked staff for their work. She wished the new members luck. She said she started attending Board meetings in 2013 and that it was a pleasure to serve. She said management of the Park takes commitment and a lot of work. She said she hoped she would run into members and staff in the future.

Mark Hall wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy 2021.

Ms. Smith thanked Ms. Martino and Ms. Hogan for the organization of the mailing material on the web. She said wildlands monitoring is very important to assist with decision making. She wished all Happy Holidays.

Mr. Lussi thanked Ms. Mahoney for serving on the Board. He said he credited staff for the Debar review. He expressed concern with the dam and suggested it be studied more carefully. He advised all to follow safety guidelines for the holidays.

Mr. Tebo acknowledged Ms. Mahoney and said she deeply cared about the Board. He wished her well. He wished all Happy Holiday.

Mr. Wilt said he would miss Ms. Mahoney and wished her the best in retirement. He wished all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ms. Hogan expressed best wishes to Ms. Mahoney. She said she appreciated Ms. Regan's presentation. She said she looked forward to seeing the Debar public comments. She wished all a Happy New Year.

Mr. Zalewski thanked staff for their work. He wished all Happy Holidays.

Mr. Lynch wished all Happy Holidays. He said he was grateful to be a new member participating with the Agency Board.

Mr. Ernst wished Ms. Mahoney the best and said he would miss her humor. He said development of the VUM (Visitor Use Management) is critical to monitoring in the Essex Chain Lakes. He wished all Happy Holidays.

Dr. Dawson announced his intention to submit a letter of resignation to the Governor in the coming days, thanking him for this opportunity. Dr. Dawson cited his perception that the Agency and DEC were not performing planning with full analysis and public input. He expressed his admiration for DEC and APA staff and said it has been an honor and privilege to work with the Board and all of the staff within the APA.

Mr. Austin said he was sorry to hear that and hoped Dr. Dawson might change his mind.

Mr. Cooper wished all Happy Holidays.

Ms. Martino thanked the Board and staff for their work. She thanked Dr. Dawson for his critical work on the Board. She congratulated Ms. Mahoney on her retirement. She wished all Happy Holidays.

Mr. Austin said he had hope for 2021. He thanked Mr. Kreider for providing the remote meeting technology. He thanked staff for the vast amount work being done with fewer staff. He wished all a Happy New Year and Happy Holidays.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Brad Austin, Presiding Member

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