



Adirondack Park Agency

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

January 13-14, 2022

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, January 13, 2022

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES, AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

John Ernst, Chairperson
Mark Hall, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
Ken Lynch, Member
Zoe Smith, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Rebecca Miller, Designee, Empire State Development
Kisha Santiago-Martinez, Designee, NYS Dept. of State
Randy Young, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Christopher Cooper, Counsel
Terry Martino, Executive Director

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

Andrea Hogan, Member

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Jerry Delaney, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Amy Hall

Chairperson John Ernst called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. He noted that the meeting was once again being held virtually due to COVID numbers. Chairperson Ernst acknowledged the passing of former Local Government Review Board Executive Director and long-time colleague, Fred Monroe. A moment of silence was held in Fred Monroe's honor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was conducted via a call-in link.

Dave Gibson spoke about the Agency’s major project permits not including a “finding of facts” section since 2019. Dave Gibson believes that in the spirit of improving the Agency’s transparency, the format of the permit should be examined.

Chairperson Ernst thanked Dave Gibson for the comments.

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1. Approval of December 16, 2021 Agency Minutes

Chairperson Ernst asked if there were any corrections to the December minutes. Art Lussi asked that his comment be corrected to read “We as an Agency can do a better job in 2022 than we were doing in the past.” On motion of Dan Wilt, seconded by Zoe Smith, the Agency approved the amended Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2021. Rebecca Miller, Kisha Santiago-Martinez, and Randy Young abstained. 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 welcomed Rebecca Miller, Randy Young, and Kisha Santiago Martinez in their return to the Board and thanked Chair Ernst for the tribute to Fred Monroe. Terry Martino expressed appreciation for all Fred Monroe has done in the region, and offered a statement from the September 2018 resolution that was shared with Fred Monroe prior to his retiring from the Executive Director position at the Local Government Review Board. Martino said Fred Monroe will be greatly missed. Terry Martino noted the year-end data for the divisions has been posted on the website and will be used in the preparation of the Agency’s Annual Report. Two new staff members who will be joining the Agency were announced—Megan Phillips to the position of Deputy Director Planning and Craig Michaels as Senior Attorney.

5. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Chairperson Ernst, seconded by Mark Hall, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 12:55 p.m.

Friday, January 14, 2022

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Arthur Lussi, Member
Ken Lynch, Member
Zoe Smith, Member
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Chairperson Ernst reconvened the Full Agency at 10:44 a.m.

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6. Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion of Dan Wilt, seconded by Mark Hall, the Agency unanimously conditionally approved P2021-0075, Red Rock Quarry Associates, LLC, the seasonal operation of a 5.2-acre mineral extraction of dimensional stone with a maximum area of 8.8 acres to be affected under an initial five-year permit term. Conditions were added to the draft permit adding the term micro-blasting, modifying crusher operating hours to 8 am to 5

pm, moving the crusher operating location to the lowest elevation of the mine floor, and adding that dust control prevent visible dust from leaving the mine property.

b) Economic Affairs Committee

Mark Hall reported the committee heard a presentation by Dan Kelleher titled Presentation of Retail Economics and Planning.

c) Local Government Services Committee

On motion by Dan Wilt, seconded by Zoe Smith, the Agency unanimously approved the Resolution as corrected on Amendments to the Village of Lake George Zoning Local Law.

7. Interim Reports

The Administration, State Land, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Park Ecology, Park Policy and Planning, and Public Awareness and Communication committees did not meet this month. It was noted that there are several year-end reports posted on the Agency website.

Upon motion by Mark Hall, seconded by John Ernst, the December 16, 2021 Park Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Mark Hall, seconded by Dan Wilt, the December 16, 2021 Public Awareness and Communication Committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Public Comment

Louanne Cossa, Ralph Cossa, and Deborah Dempsey all spoke regarding their disappointment with the Agency's decision on the Red Rock Quarry project.

11. Local Government Review Board Comment

Jerry Delaney thanked John Ernst and Terry Martino for their kind words about Fred Monroe. Jerry Delaney said that Fred Monroe was a friend and a mentor, a fierce advocate for the people and for the environment, and expressed hope that the Agency will honor Fred Monroe with a tree planting. Jerry Delaney ended by thanking the Agency for digging into the Red Rock Quarry project and recognized the need to balance the economy and environment.

12. Member Comment

Zoe Smith echoed Jerry Delaney's kind words for Fred Monroe and said Fred Monroe was a mentor to many. Zoe Smith thanked the staff and the commissioners for the hard work put in this month and also thanked the public for their comments, effort, and concern, saying all of the written comments do get read.

Mark Hall took a moment to recognize Fred Monroe's service to the community, as the Local Government Review Board representative on the Board for over 14 years and the Town of Chester supervisor for 24 years. Mark Hall noted that Fred Monroe earned all of the accolades and thanked Carol Monroe and their family for sharing Fred Monroe with all of us.

Ken Lynch said Fred Monroe was a friend, mentor, and advisor and offered thanks for Fred Monroe's service. Ken Lynch thanked staff for their hard work, especially Devan Korn, saying the Board had all the information needed to make a decision on the Red Rock Quarry project.

Art Lussi reflected on meeting Fred Monroe for the first time when Governor Pataki considered Art Lussi for the Board and he met with Fred Monroe and George Canon. Fred Monroe was a mentor who was always willing to try out new things. Art Lussi stated that the Red Rock Quarry project was extremely vetted, that Devan Korn and Alicia Purzycki did a great job, the Agency has a great partner for monitoring in the DEC, and that the Board had plenty of information to make a thoughtful decision. Lussi also praised Robyn Burgess's presentation.

Dan Wilt said Fred Monroe will be missed. Dan Wilt commended Devan Korn and staff, saying that it is important for the Board to follow the law and that staff did the best job possible. Dan Wilt also thanked Robyn Burgess and Dan Kelleher for their presentations.

Randy Young thanked staff for their presentations, saying Dan Kelleher's was interesting and educational, and that Robyn Burgess's flowed well. Randy Young said that Devan Korn's presentation contained important facts and that staff answered the Board's questions.

Rebecca Miller is always impressed with the level of detail and the presentations when filling in for Brad Austin.

Kisha Santiago-Martinez expressed regrets in not getting a chance to meet Fred Monroe, thanked all staff, noted that the added conditions helped to address concerns about the quarry project, and is looking forward to follow-up monitoring occurring on the quarry project.

Counsel Chris Cooper echoed the accolades for Fred Monroe. Counsel Cooper thanked the legal and JIF staff for what has been a very busy year and looks forward to Craig Michaels joining the team.

Executive Director Terry Martino thanked everyone for their tributes to Fred Monroe and also offered thanks to staff, saying countless hours go into the work behind the scenes. Executive Director Martino thanked Randy Young and DEC staff for the coordinating work that took place between the agencies. Executive Director Martino said it has been an honor to lead the Agency for the past twelve and a half years and announced her upcoming retirement. Executive Director Martino thanked all of the Board chairpersons and Board members she has worked with and also thanked Governor Hochul for appointing Chairperson Ernst and for enabling the Agency to fill staff vacancies. Lastly Executive Director Martino stated that the APA staff are tremendous and expressed appreciation to managers and staff and emphasized the Agency is in a good position for change. Executive Martino thanked everyone for the journey together in protecting the Adirondack Park and said our shared passion and commitment to the Park is forever.

Chairperson John Ernst read a statement: "The Adirondack Park Agency extends its profound appreciation to Executive Director Terry Martino for her outstanding accomplishments and steadfast leadership over the twelve and half years she has served as the Executive Director of the Adirondack Park Agency. Executive Director Martino's commitment to the Agency is deeply woven in a body of work that included historic state land actions and some of the most complicated and contested private land projects to come before this Board. Through it all, Terry managed this Agency with professionalism and integrity. The Adirondack Park Agency wishes you a long and happy retirement. The Agency is working closely with Governor Hochul's Administration to ensure a smooth transition of leadership." Chairperson Ernst said it has been a pleasure to work with Terry, saying Terry made the transition to chairperson much easier. Chairperson Ernst ended by offering a virtual toast to Terry, wishing her well in the future.

Chairperson announced that the next meeting is scheduled for February 10th and 11th.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

John Ernst, Chairperson