



Adirondack Park Agency

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

February 10, 2022

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, February 10, 2022

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES, AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

John Ernst, Chairperson
Mark Hall, Member
Andrea Hogan, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
Ken Lynch, Member
Zoë Smith, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Rebecca Miller, Designee, Empire State Development
Kisha Santiago-Martinez, Designee, NYS Dept. of State
Joe Zalewski, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Christopher Cooper, Counsel

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Jerry Delaney, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Amy Hall

Chairperson John Ernst called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. He noted that the meeting was once again being held virtually due to COVID numbers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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1. Approval of January 13-14, 2022 Agency Minutes

On motion of Dan Wilt, seconded by Mark Hall, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of January 13-14, 2022, with Andrea Hogan and Joe Zalewski abstaining.

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

On motion of Joe Zalewski, seconded by Art Lussi, the Agency unanimously adjourned into executive session for the purposes of discussing a personnel matter relating to a particular person or persons at 9:13 a.m.

Full Agency resumed at 9:39 a.m. with Chairperson John Ernst announcing that the Board had unanimously voted to accept Governor Hochul's recommendation and appoint Barbara Rice as the new Executive Director of the Adirondack Park Agency. Chairperson John Ernst said that Terry Martino will retire effective February 23, 2022, and Barbara Rice will begin serving in the Executive Director role on March 8, 2022. Chairperson John Ernst also noted that in the interim, per the Agency's Delegation Resolution, Rob Lore, Deputy Director Regulatory Programs, will be the acting Executive Director.

4. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Chairperson Ernst, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:42 a.m.

Chairperson Ernst reconvened the Full Agency at 11:29 a.m.

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5. Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

Dan Wilt reported that the committee had heard a report from Rob Lore and approved their January minutes.

On motion of Dan Wilt, seconded by Andrea Hogan, the Agency unanimously approved P2021-0247, Pivot Energy located in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County. The project involves construction of a 2.5-megawatt solar generation facility on approximately 16 acres of inactive agricultural land. A solar field of approximately 6,500 photovoltaic panels mounted on a single-axis tracking system will be surrounded by 8-foot woven-wire fencing. Site access and supporting overhead utility infrastructure will be developed along Delano Road adjacent to the project site.

b) Park Policy and Planning Committee

Andrea Hogan reported that the committee heard a report from Dan Kelleher and then a presentation by John Barge and Molly Jordan on Adirondack Park Population and Land Classification Statistics.

6. Interim Reports

The Administration, State Land, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Local Government Services, Park Ecology, and Public Awareness and Communication committees did not meet this month.

The Economic Affairs committee did not meet, but on the motion of Mark Hall, seconded by Art Lussi, the committee unanimously adopted the draft committee meeting minutes of January 13-14, 2022.

The Local Government Services committee did not meet, but on the motion of Dan Wilt, seconded by Kisha Santiago-Martinez, the committee adopted the draft committee meeting minutes of January 13-14, 2022, with Andrea Hogan and Joe Zalewski abstaining and Agency Chair John Ernst voting in favor.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Public Comment

None

11. Local Government Review Board Comment

Jerry Delaney is hopeful that with the continuing drop in the COVID case numbers that the Agency will soon return to in-person meetings.

12. Member Comment

The Members provided closing comments including thanking Terry Martino for many years of service and stating they were looking forward to working with incoming Executive Director Barbara Rice

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

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

John Ernst, Chairperson