



Adirondack Park Agency

SHERMAN CRAIG
Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 1/4/17
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NOVEMBER 9-10, 2016

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherman Craig, Chairman
Chad Dawson, Member
John Ernst, Member
Karen Feldman, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
Barbara Rice, Member
William Thomas, Member
Dan Wilt, Member
Brad Austin, Designee, NYS Department of Economic Development
Sandi Allen, Designee, NYS Department of State
Bob Stegemann, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Terry Martino, Executive Director
James Townsend, Counsel

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel
Jennifer Hubbard, Senior Attorney
Rick Weber, Deputy Director Regulatory Programs
Suzanne McSherry, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Shaun Lalonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist
Mary Palmer, Office Assistant 2
Bob Kreider, Information Technologist 2
Susan Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Carol Lagrasse spoke about the NYS Constitution in regard to road closures in Forest Preserve lands. Her complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

2. Approval of August 2016 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of October 13-14, 2016 as amended by Mr. Lussi. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Recusals

Mr. Lussi disclosed that he was a long-time neighbor of Mike Damp who was a representative of the LS Marina, LLC appeal. Mr. Lussi said he has not had any conversations with Mr. Damp regarding this project and therefore did not recuse himself.

Ms. Rice disclosed that her family owned property on Lower Saranac Lake across from the LS Marina Annex but was not recusing herself.

4. Motion for Executive Session

None

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino reported that she had received a letter from Attorney Mark Schachner complementing and commending Agency staff for their review of the Davidow variance application. He thanked Rick Weber, Sarah Reynolds, Steve Brewer and Tom Saehrig for their assistance and said their input helped create an even better project. Ms. Martino also thanked Shaun Lalonde for his work on the variance.

Ms. Martino reported that Keith McKeever had met with 25 Yale students on November 4, 2016 to provide an overview of the Adirondack Park Agency and the Park. The students commented on the how in comparison with the Adirondack Park, Vermont has significant areas of sprawl.

She said the Towns of Inlet and Wilmington were considered must-see towns in New York State according to the OnlyInYourTown website. She said the site helps readers discover things to do in each of the 50 states and has a large readership.

Ms. Martino mentioned the public hearing for the 2016/17 Classification was being held at the Agency in the evening and said the full list of hearing locations and times is posted on the Agency website. She said the end date for public comment is December 30, 2016.

Ms. Martino announced staff changes. She said that Bob Kreider, Information Technology Specialists (ITS) 2, had accepted a promotion with ITS at the Sunmount Developmental Center as an ITS 3 effective December 1, 2016. She said that Susan Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 1 was resigning after a long and successful career at the Agency. She read Resolutions saluting their service with the Agency.

6. Agency Members Committee Assignments

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously accepted the new committee assignments with Dr. Dawson, Park Policy and Planning Chair; Mr. Ernst, Park Ecology Chair; and Ms. Feldman, Enforcement Chair.

7. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

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

Thursday, November 10, 2016

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherman Craig, Chairman
John Ernst, Member
Karen Feldman, Member
Arthur Lussi, Member
Barbara Rice, Member
William Thomas, Member
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ABSENT AND EXCUSED

Chad Dawson, Member

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Virginia Yamrick, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director Planning
Mary Palmer, Office Assistant 2
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel
Jennifer Hubbard, Senior Attorney
Robyn Burgess, AP Local Planning Assistance Specialist
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

Full Agency

Mr. Craig reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 2:15 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously denied the Appeal of Agency staffs' August 2016 Request for Additional Information for P2015-0053, LS Marina, LLC. Ms. Feldman said the Board and the project representative verbally resolved the issues involved in the appeal.

Mr. Lussi said staff needs to provide guidance on what is expected of the applicant and to clarify the language used in the NIPAs.

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously approved P2014-0138, Vertical Bridge LLC/New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, involving a subdivision into sites by lease and a major public utility use involving authorization for the installation of two 85-foot tall telecommunications towers to be concealed as simulated pine trees in Putnam, Washington County.

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously approved as amended P2016-0081, NYS Power Authority and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) involving construction of a Biomass District Heating System to service the Ray Brook State Office Complex, including the office buildings of DEC, New York State Police, and the APA.

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously approved P2014-0226, St. Lawrence Seaway RSA Cellular Partnership d/b/a Verizon, involving a subdivision into sites by lease and a major public utility use involving installation of a new 80-foot tall monopine telecommunications tower to be concealed as a simulated pine tree in Fine, St. Lawrence County.

b) State Land Committee

Ms. Feldman asked that the Delegation Resolution be addressed going forward.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Ms. Allen, the Agency unanimously authorized staff to proceed to public comment for the Champlain Islands Complex Proposed Final UMP's conformance with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

c) Economic Affairs Committee

Mr. Wilt reported on the presentation by Chris Maron on the Champlain Area Trails (CATS) group's work on multiuse trail development and maintenance in the Champlain Valley.

d) Local Government Services Committee

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously approved the Town of Lake George Approved Local Land Use Program Amendment which addresses Chapter 147. Storm Sewer System Discharges, Activities and Connections and Chapter 148. Stormwater Management and Erosion & Sediment Control.

2) Interim Reports

a) Legal Affairs Committee

The Committee did not meet in November.

Ms. Feldman reminded the Board that the FOIL amendment public hearings are being held November 14 in Albany, November 15 in Ray Brook and the comment period ends on November 21.

b) Park Ecology Committee

The Committee did not meet in November.

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft Committee minutes from its October meeting.

Ms. Feldman reported on the ongoing work in the battle against the invasive Hemlock Woolly Adelgids.

The Administration, Enforcement, Park Policy and Planning, and Public Awareness and Communication committees did not meet this month.

4) Old Business

None

5) New Business

None

6) Public Comment

Carol LaGrasse said she would address roads in Forest Preserve lands at the next Board meeting.

Ron Konowicz, Adirondack Powder Skiers Association, asked for the Board to take action on his group's requests for backcountry skiing. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

7) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe said the Local Government Review Board supported the allowance of picnic tables and fireplaces on Valcour Island. He expressed concern that the 2016/17 Classification Package maps do not show existing roads.

8) Member Comment

Ms. Allen commented on the passion, diversity and respect at the first classification public hearing.

Mr. Wilt reported that the Local Government Day meetings have begun.

Mr. Lussi responded to public comment asking for more alternatives for the classification package. He felt staff had provided thoughtful and reasonable alternatives. He commented on the staff use of terminology in relation to the LS Marina project.

Mr. Ernst complimented staff on the amount of work they do for each project, citing the balloon tests for cell towers as an example.

Mr. Stegemann thanked Agency and Department staff for their work on the Champlain Islands Complex UMP. He said he was impressed with the character of the classification public hearing and felt people were listening to one another. He complimented the Board on being respectful of varying opinions.

Ms. Feldman thanked staff and Board members for their efforts regarding the classification public hearing. She said that education and awareness are keys to the fight against invasives. She wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Austin said he was impressed by the number of young residents attending the classification public hearing and voicing their opinions.

Ms. Martino thanked DEC for the use of their conference room for the classification public hearing in Ray Brook. She thanked the Board, staff and public for their engagement at the hearing. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Craig asked Board members to email him if attending other classification public hearings. He said he would like at least one member at each hearing. He said the December and January Board meeting schedule was still tentative. He thanked all Veterans for their service to the country.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Attachments:

P2014-138

P2016-81

P2014-226

Sherman Craig, Chairman