



Adirondack Park Agency

SHERMAN CRAIG
Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 1/18/17
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JANUARY 11, 2018

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, January 11, 2018

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
Lynne Mahoney, Designee, NYS Department of State
Robert Stegemann, Designee, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Terry Martino, Executive Director
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer
Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2
Elaine Caldwell, Administrative Officer
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director Planning
Laurie Bullis, Secretary 1
Rick Weber, Deputy Director Regulatory Programs
Shaun Lalonde, Professional Engineer 2
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Public Comment

Bill Ingersoll, Adirondack Wilderness Advocates, spoke against motorized usage in Wilderness areas. He advocated for a Wilderness classification for the Boreas Ponds Tract. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Tyler Socash, Adirondack Wilderness Advocates, strongly urged the Board to keep the final 5% of the Park wild with a Wilderness classification for the Boreas Ponds Tract. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

2. Approval of November 16, 2017 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2017 with the abstention of Ms. Rice. Copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency are on file at the Agency.

3. Recusals

Mr. Lussi recused himself from the Whiteface Mountain and Gore Mountain UMP amendments as he sits on the ORDA board.

Mr. Stegemann, Regional Director, DEC, recused himself from the Frontier Town Campground, Equestrian and Day Use Area project as the Department is leading the project planning.

4. Motion for Executive Session

None

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino reported that Keith McKeever and staff are working on the Agency's Annual Report.

Ms. Martino commented on the Governor's State of the State address. She said the Park has benefited from the Regional Economic Development Councils and will benefit from the Governor's new workforce development project. She commended the Governor's climate change policy and his Climate Alliance initiative. She applauded the Wild Center's Youth Climate Summit participants for implementing programs in their schools and communities which bring awareness to the issues of climate change.

Ms. Martino reported on the State Complex biomass project and said that work is continuing.

She commented on the great news that Union Tank Car Company, a Warren Buffet company, was having their tank cars removed from the Adirondacks. She said the Agency will continue to work with the DEC to rigorously pursue all legal actions available.

Ms. Martino reported on the significant progress being made on amending the Large-scale Subdivision and Variance Applications. She said work continues on both and that the Chairman will host a meeting with professional planners and designers for input on the subdivision application.

She announced the appointment of Chad Grevelding as an intern for the Adirondack Envision program which enhances the HEPA initiative in the Economic Affairs Division. Mr. Grevelding will work with Dan Kelleher remotely from Syracuse starting January 18, 2018.

Ms. Feldman reported on the Governor's initiative that agencies statewide must develop a plan in response to climate change. Ms. Martino thanked Ms. Feldman and Dr. Dawson for their participation in these planning meetings.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Ms. Rice, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 10:00 a.m.

Full Agency

Mr. Craig reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Lussi was absent.

1) Committee Reports

a) Regulatory Programs Committee

Mr. Stegemann recused himself. On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously approved the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation permit authorizing a new universally-designed accessible campground to be known as the Frontier Town Campground, Equestrian and Day Use Area, involving a 91-acre project site in the Town of North Hudson, Essex County.

Mr. Wilt reported on the presentation by Rick Weber on the Variance Application amendments.

b) Public Awareness and Communication Committee

Mr. Thomas reported on a presentation by Mr. Jeff Allott detailing the critical need to develop affordable facility incubator space to support Adirondack start-up businesses.

c) State Land Committee

Ms. Feldman reported on the Whiteface Mountain and Gore Mountain UMP amendment presentations by Mr. Pratt, ORDA.

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Agency unanimously approved the Inter-Agency Guidelines for Implementing Best Management Practices to Control Invasive Species on DEC Administered Lands of the Adirondack Park to proceed with simultaneous public comment with the DEC.

2) Interim Reports

a) Economic Affairs Committee

On motion by Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its November meeting.

b) Park Ecology Committee

On motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its November meeting.

c) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes of its November meeting.

Dr. Dawson reminded members that an Energy Taskforce meeting would be held January 12, 2018 at the Agency.

The Administration, Enforcement, Legal Affairs, and Local Government Services committees did not meet this month.

3) Old Business

None

4) New Business

None

5) Public Comment

Pete Nelson, Adirondack Wilderness Advocates, spoke about wilderness preservation. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skiers Association, advocated for backcountry skiing and its potential benefits to the economy. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

6) Member Comment

Mr. Monroe stated the Local Government Review Board strongly supports backcountry skiing. He said he was pleased with the approval of the Frontier Town project and the work on the variance application amendments. He said he was impressed with the presentation by Mr. Allott.

Ms. Mahoney thanked Agency and Department staff for their work on the Frontier Town project and the UMP amendments.

Ms. Rice said the Allott presentation was inspiring.

Mr. Ernst commented on the Allott presentation. He said he was pleased with the Frontier Town project and felt it would benefit the High Peaks.

Mr. Stegemann thanked Agency and Department staff for their work.

Ms. Feldman commented on the Allott presentation and said all should consider ways to help small businesses grow. She thanked staff and said she was pleased with the changes to the subdivision and variance applications.

Mr. Austin commented on the Allott presentation.

Ms. Martino said she appreciated the commitment of staff to project review. She thanked Ariel Lynch and the project team for their work on the Frontier Town project. She said it was exciting to see the work happening on the variance and subdivision applications. She thanked Ms. Feldman for her invasive species work.

Mr. Craig thanked staff for hustling to prepare for Board presentations. He commented on the Allott presentation and said it also would be beneficial to recruit early retirees for the creation of a consortium.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attachments:
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Sherman Craig, Chairman