



Adirondack Park Agency

SHERMAN CRAIG
Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 1/26/17
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JANUARY 12-13, 2017

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, January 12, 2017

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2
Rick Weber, Deputy Director Regulatory Programs
Suzanne McSherry, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Bart Haralson, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Kevin Prickett, Senior Natural Resources Planner
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant Economic Affairs
Matt McNamara, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None

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 November 9-10, 2016. A copy of the official minutes as adopted by the Agency is on file at the Agency.

3. Recusals

None

4. Motion for Executive Session

None

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino congratulated Ms. Rice on her nomination to Chairwoman of the Franklin County Legislators. She congratulated Mr. Lussi on his trip to Kazakhstan to learn if the Adirondack region could host the World University Games in the future. She congratulated staff member Dan Kelleher for his nomination to the NYS Leadership Institute and his appointment by the Governor to the Board of North Country Community College.

Ms. Martino reported on the Regional Economic Development Council awards which will benefit several projects in the region.

She thanked Keith McKeever for his work as hearing officer on the eight public hearings for the 2016/17 Classification Package. She reported that approximately more than 1200 people attended and more than 400 spoke at the hearings. She thanked attendees for the civil tone set at the hearings and expressed appreciation for all the comments. She said characteristics of the package would be discussed at the February Board meeting. She thanked Kathy Regan and all staff who have worked and continue to work on the classification material.

Ms. Martino reported that Agency staff had met with ANCA staff to discuss how the ANCA staff will be providing regional outreach on clean energy projects. She said Sarah Reynolds provided an overview of Agency jurisdiction and provided a framework of permitting requirements. She thanked Chairman Craig and Dr. Dawson for their participation in this initiative.

Ms. Martino commented on the Governor's State of the State meetings and said the \$2 billion toward water infrastructure was good for both the environment and economy. She commented on the announcement of \$38 million in improvements to the Plattsburgh airport and on the proposed development of a trail network to be known as the Empire State Trail.

She welcomed Bart Haralson as an Environmental Program Specialist 1 in the Enforcement and Regulatory Program divisions.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, January 13, 2017

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
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Rick Weber, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Robyn Burgess, AP Local Planning Assistance Specialist
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

Full Agency

Mr. Craig reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 11:25 a.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) State Land Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously authorized the Moose River Plains Wild Forest UMP Amendment to proceed to public comment for conformance to the State Land Master Plan.

Ms. Feldman reported on the Americans with Disabilities Act presentation by Kevin Prickett and the Inclusive Outdoor recreation presentation by Carole Fraser, DEC.

She commented on Park-wide planning efforts in the Hut-to-Hut project and the interest in regional planning for bicycles.

b) Park Ecology Committee

Mr. Ernst reported on the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program presentation by Erin Vennie-Vollrath and Zack Simek. He said the presenters' knowledge and enthusiasm were encouraging.

c) Legal Affairs Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Ms. Allen, the Agency unanimously approved the Resolution to adopt the revised FOIL Rule.

d) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously approved P2016-186, Lyme Timber Company, involving a timber harvest on a 295 acre portion of Lyme's 16,898 acre Black Brook tract in the Town of Black Brook, Clinton County.

Mr. Lussi commented on the proposed WhistlePig project in the Town of Moriah, Essex County which could bring employment to the Park. He reported he would be absent for the February meeting.

e) Park Policy and Planning Committee

On motion by Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Agency unanimously accepted the Town of Essex Map Amendment's Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Study. (MA2017-01)

Dr. Dawson said the committee would be focusing on Park-wide planning topics such as the energy taskforce. He said he hoped the Board will work to bring other groups together to discuss ideas and projects so that the Agency could assist with moving regional efforts like bicycling forward.

2) Interim Reports

a) Economic Affairs Committee

The Committee did not meet in January.

On motion by Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Committee minutes for its November meeting.

b) Local Government Services Committee

The Committee did not meet in January. Mr. Wilt reported that the Local Government Day conference planning was progressing for the April 5-6 event.

On motion by Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft minutes for its November meeting.

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

4) Old Business

None

5) New Business

None

6) Public Comment

None

7) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe said he was pleased with the State of the State announcements for trail systems, the Frontier Town proposal and mountain bike trails. He commented on the ADA presentations and said the Agency should take access into consideration when classifying State land.

8) Member Comment

Mr. Wilt said he was glad to hear about the energy taskforce. He said as supervisor, he was working with ANCA on clean energy projects in his town and felt that work on these projects could benefit all in the Park.

Ms. Rice commented on how educational she found the meetings. She said the ADA presentations were excellent. She commented on the importance of the maintenance of the facilities provided for the disabled.

Mr. Lussi said the invasive species session was very educational and congratulated APIPP staff on their work. He commented on the numerous invasive species found after construction on the Whiteface Highway. He said the permitting process should address the spread of invasive by requiring the cleaning of contractor equipment during construction.

Mr. Ernst said he appreciated the enthusiasm and knowledge of the APIPP staff. He said the proposals from the State of the State addresses regarding water and forestry projects were very positive.

Mr. Stegemann thanked Carole Fraser for her work on the Inclusive Outdoor Recreation presentation. He said access for the disabled required planning. He applauded Jon DeSantis for his work on the Moose River Plains Wild Forest UMP amendment. He said the conversation on clear-cutting and forest management practices demonstrated the Board's concern for the future of the Park and the character of its resources.

Ms. Feldman said she was excited about the proposed mountain biking and hut-to-hut projects. She said she was encouraged by the comprehensive plans being developed to combat invasive species. She announced that the Adaptive Sports Foundation now has athletes training in the Skeleton and Bob Sled programs in Lake Placid. She thanked law enforcement officers for the life-threatening work they do and acknowledged their efforts.

Dr. Dawson thanked APA and DEC staff for their work. He said the Board should be pro-active in Park-wide efforts and join with others to move projects forward, particularly in regional planning projects like bicycling.

Ms. Martino said she and the Chair decided to go forward with the Agency meeting regardless of the temporary loss of power in the building. She said staff worked behind the scenes to get technology back up and running. She thanked Mr. Stegemann for agreeing to host the meeting at the DEC facility if it had been necessary.

Mr. Craig said he is enthusiastic about the exciting projects coming to the Park. He said the Board had much work to do as discussion about the characteristics of the 2016/17 Classification package would take place at the February meeting.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Attachments:
P2016-186

Sherman Craig, Chairman