



Adirondack Park Agency

SHERMAN CRAIG
Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, March 9, 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
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director Planning
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Matt McNamara, Environmental Program Specialist
Mary Palmer, Office Assistant 2
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Public Comment

None

2. Approval of February 2017 Agency Minutes

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of February 9-10, 2017 as amended by Mr. Craig. 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

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Agency unanimously approved an Executive Session to report on the LS Marina, LLC litigation. The Executive Session was concluded and no action was taken.

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martino commented on the slideshow of a Great Gray Owl seen in the Town of Keene. She said the owl's habitat is being affected by climate change which may explain its presence in the Adirondacks.

Ms. Martino thanked the Board for input following the 2016/17 Classification Package presentations. She said staff continue to work with Department staff to finalize the package.

She reported that staff have been busy with Local Government Day planning. She said Local Government Services staff provided internal training to staff with an overview of Approved Local Land Use Programs and the Agency's working partnerships with communities and towns within the Park.

She reported that staff from several divisions staffed an exhibitor booth at the 22nd Annual Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Association Conference in Lake Placid.

Ms. Martino reported that the Agency completed Phase II of an EPA grant for wetland work. She said the work has contributed to wetland mapping, wetland monitoring, and citizen volunteer training.

She said staff has been working with Old Forge, Crown Point, and Schroon Lake on comprehensive plans and revitalization strategies with grants from the Department of State and in partnership with DOS staff. Ms. Martino told the Board that John Barge has continued to update Agency mapping and said the new information is available on the Agency website. She applauded the Governor for his commitment of \$32 million dollars to the economic and recreational hub at the site of the old Frontier Town.

She reported on items from the Regulatory Program's High Profile Report including a proposed campground in the Town of Colton, an equestrian trail in the Town of Newcomb, and a hard-rock mine in the Town of North Hudson. There were no questions from the Board on these proposed projects. Mr. Stegemann asked if there had been any movement on the LS Marina project. He was told the project was in the same status.

Mr. Craig thanked staff for their work.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 10:30 a.m.

Full Agency

Mr. Craig reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 1:30 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) State Land Committee

On motion by Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously adopted the Moose River Plains Wild Forest UMP Amendment Resolution on conformance with the State Land Master Plan.

Ms. Feldman made a motion to authorize the Minimum Requirement Analysis to proceed to public comment for thirty days, seconded by Mr. Ernst.

Mr. Stegemann suggested a fifteen-day comment period so that the document could be finalized at the May meeting. Mr. Craig asked Kathy Regan her opinion

on a shorter comment period. Ms. Regan said she felt thirty days was necessary for this level of change. Mr. Dawson agreed. Mr. Stegemann said he wanted consensus and would agree to the thirty-day period.

Mr. Craig called for the vote and the Board unanimously authorized the MRA to proceed to public comment for thirty days.

b) Local Government Services Committee

On motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the repeal and replacement of the Town of Colton Land Use Code.

c) Enforcement Committee

Ms. Feldman reported the Enforcement Committee would meet following the Full Agency meeting to discuss the Leroy K. Snow Notice of Apparent Violation. She said no Board action was required at this time.

2) Interim Reports

a) Park Policy and Planning Committee

The Committee did not meet in March.

Dr. Dawson reported on the APA Energy Task Force and noted a written report distributed at the meeting. He said the APA was working with the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) to clarify jurisdictional review of alternative energy projects within the Park. He said this work was ongoing and that ANCA would be presenting at the Local Government Day Conference in April. Mr. Craig said ANCA staff presented jurisdictional inquiry scenarios of potential project ideas to spur conversation among the taskforce, the Board, and regulatory program staff in anticipation of future review.

b) Regulatory Programs Committee

The Committee did not meet in March.

On motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft minutes for its February meeting.

The Administration, Economic Affairs, Legal Affairs, Park Ecology, and Public Awareness and Communication committees did not meet this month.

4) Old Business

None

5) New Business

None

6) Public Comment

Ron Konowitz, Adirondack Powder Skiers Association, commented on the potential environmental impacts of wind farms, the size and design of foot bridges in the High Peaks, and open woods skiing. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

7) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe stated there are significant resources available to aid the new members such as the 2009 Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project and the 2014 follow-up report. He said he would provide the material upon request. He said he thought the MRA made sense and he was pleased with the Town of Colton and Moose River Plains Wild Forest UMP Amendment decisions.

8) Member Comment

Mr. Wilt thanked Robyn Burgess and Kate-Lyn Knight for their work on the Town of Colton Local Land Use Amendment. He reminded all to finish their paperwork for the Local Government Day Conference.

Mr. Lussi talked about a ride sharing program he experienced in Switzerland. He reported on a climate change survey from a local newspaper. He said the results indicate that more education is needed in regard to climate change. He said he watched the February 2016/17 Classification presentation via the website and was impressed with the work that went into it. He commented on the safety of the current footbridges in the High Peaks area.

Mr. Stegemann thanked Kathy Regan and Tom Martin for their work on the MRA document. He thanked Jon DeSantis for his work on the Moose River Plains Wild Forest UMP Amendment.

Ms. Feldman reported on a 480A bill in the Legislature which is widely supported for its conservation interests. She said she is hopeful it passes.

Mr. Austin thanked staff for their work on the Town of Colton.

Dr. Dawson thanked staff for their work that is accomplished behind the scene.

Ms. Martino thanked Ms. Burgess and Ms. Knight for their quick work on the Town of Colton Land Use Amendment. She thanked staff for their work on the MRA document.

Mr. Craig said the environmental changes happening on the federal level will eventually affect the Park. He suggested people communicate their fears of potential issues and ideas to those in positions to make changes happen. He thanked everyone for their work.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Sherman Craig, Chairman