



Adirondack Park Agency

SHERMAN CRAIG
Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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Draft Minutes, Full Agency, 8/31/17
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AUGUST 10, 2017

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, August 10, 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
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

Amy Hall, Calculations Clerk 2
Mary Palmer, Office Assistant 2
Kathy Regan, Deputy Director Planning
Kevin Prickett, Senior Natural Resources Planner
Matt McNamara, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Annemarie Peer, Office Assistant 1
Robyn Burgess, Local Planning Assistance Specialist
Matt Kendall, Assoc. Natural Resources Planner
Kate-Lyn Knight, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Laurie Bullis, Secretary 1
John Burth, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Fritz Aldinger, Environmental Program Specialist 1

Milt Adams, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Bart Haralson, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Beth Phillips, Senior Attorney
Devon Korn, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Doug Miller, Environmental Program Specialist 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 9:00 a.m. He thanked Mr. Stegemann for the paved parking lot in front of the DEC building. He reported on the Visual Assessment Training provided by Dr. Smardon to staff and Board members. He said a variance committee met following last month's Board meeting and is making progress. He stated that Assemblywoman Elise Stefanik visited the Agency and was presented the Climate Change Resolution. He reported that he and Agency staff would be meeting with Assemblyman Steve Englebright and other stakeholders regarding conservation subdivisions.

He welcomed Sarah Reynolds to the table in anticipation of Jim Townsend's future retirement.

1. Public Comment

None

2. Approval of July 2017 Agency Minutes

Ms. Feldman abstained from the vote due to her absence at the July meeting. On motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Wilt, the Agency unanimously adopted the Draft Agency Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2017. 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 welcomed Ms. Reynolds to the table.

She congratulated the Wild Center on its one millionth visitor. She said the Center is beneficial to the economy of the region.

She reported on the Biomass Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. She thanked the partners involved in the project and acknowledged staff members George Hare, Kyle Martin, and Elaine Caldwell for their work on the project.

Ms. Martino thanked Dr. Dawson for his work on the Agency's climate change assessment project, in which all State agencies had to participate.

She thanked Rick Weber and Elaine Caldwell for arranging the Visual Assessment Training.

She said Agency staff are having discussions about pre-applications, applications and how to better engage with the public early on in the process during project review. She said this work is parallel to stakeholder conversations that have taken place about conservation design in which the Agency will be involved in the future.

6. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

On motion of Mr. Stegemann, seconded by Ms. Feldman, the Agency unanimously adjourned into committees at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Craig reconvened the Full Agency meeting at 3:00 p.m.

1) Committee Reports

a) State Lands Committee

Ms. Feldman reported on the presentation by Mr. Thomas, DEC, on the Prospect Mountain Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

Ms. Feldman reported on the bear management presentation by Mr. Stickles, DEC.

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously authorized the amended Siting, Construction and Maintenance of Singletrack Bike Trails to proceed to public comment.

On motion of Ms. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Stegemann, the Agency unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Piseco Lake Campground UMP conformance with the State Land Master Plan.

b) Regulatory Programs Committee

On motion by Ms. Rice, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the Agency unanimously approved the Hamilton County, P2017-66-1 project to construct a 65-foot-tall self-supporting lattice tower on the summit of East Mountain as part of Hamilton County's public safety radio system in the Village of Speculator.

On motion by Mr. Wilt, seconded by Ms. Mahoney, the Agency unanimously approved the Hamilton County, P2017-66-2 project to construct an 80-foot-tall self-supporting lattice tower adjacent to Hamilton County Municipal Buildings as part of Hamilton County's public safety radio system in the Town of Lake Pleasant.

2) Interim Reports

a) Park Ecology Committee

The Park Ecology Committee did not meet in August.

On motion by Mr. Lussi, seconded by Mr. Austin, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft minutes for its July meeting.

b) Public Awareness and Communications Committee

The Public Awareness and Communications Committee did not meet in August.

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

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

3) Old Business

None

4) New Business

None

5) Public Comment

Bill Farber, Hamilton County Board of Supervisor Chairman, complimented staff on their work on the Hamilton County's public safety radio system projects. His complete comments can be viewed on the website address above.

6) Local Government Review Board Comment

Mr. Monroe thanked staff for their work on the towers projects. He applauded the biomass project and said it is good for jobs, forest products, and climate change. He expressed concern about the spread of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in the Park.

7) Member Comment

Ms. Mahoney commented on Jim Stickles presentation on bear management. She said it was interesting and informative.

Mr. Wilt said he has a better appreciation of staff work in the review of projects.

Ms. Rice said as a Franklin County Legislator, she sees tower projects both in and out of the Park. She said she now has a better understanding of the Agency's process and will be able to bring that information to projects in her county position.

Mr. Lussi commented on a visit to OK Slip Falls and reported the trails were well maintained. He thanked Ms. Feldman for bringing information on Hemlock Woolly Adelgids to the Board last year. He said that users of the Park should be better educated on bear management through signage at trailheads and campsites.

Mr. Ernst said the swat team response to the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid was amazing and showed promise that the invasive may be contained. He commented on the bear discussion and felt there was more usage and less knowledge by people in the Park and felt there was a need for more Forest Rangers.

Mr. Stegemann expressed his appreciation for the passion DEC staff have for their work. He said education is needed for bear safety. He said mobilizing quickly is the key for controlling the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

Ms. Feldman said the coordinated Hemlock Woolly Adelgid response was amazing. She reported the Adirondacks Lake Alliance Summit would be held at Paul Smith's

College. She thanked staff for their work on the bike guidance and appreciated the ongoing Park-wide guidance work being done.

Mr. Austin said that enforcement may be better served on bad campers, not bears.

Dr. Dawson appreciated that Agency and Department staff are working and presenting together. He said cooperation between the agencies was good for the Park.

Mr. Thomas thanked DEC for paving the front parking lot and adding parking spaces.

Ms. Martino mentioned the presentation by Mr. Whitmore on Hemlock Woolly Adelgids last year and hoped for continued containment. She said bike trail work is of interest to staff who worked on the guidance and to the Town of Wilmington. She sent well wishes to Supervisor Randy Preston.

Mr. Craig said the presentations continue to be a learning experience. He said the Board may visit an approved timber site in September as a learning opportunity.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Attachments:
P2017-66-1
P2017-66-2

Sherman Craig, Chairman