



Adirondack Park Agency

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Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, September 14, 2017

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherman Craig, Chairman
Chad Dawson, Member
John Ernst, Member
Karen Feldman, Member
Arthur Lussi, 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
Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

Barbara Rice, Member

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD PRESENT

Fred Monroe, Executive Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Keith McKeever, Public Information Officer
Mary Palmer, Office Assistant 2
Beth Phillips, Senior Attorney
Colleen Parker, Environmental Program Specialist 3
Rick Weber, Deputy Director Regulatory Programs
Sue Streiff, Secretary to the Executive Director

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

P2017-106 Town of Essex Water Treatment Facility Variance

Rick Weber provided an overview of a variance request in the Town of Essex for expansion of an existing municipal water treatment facility with minor impacts. Staff requested Delegation of Responsibility to the Deputy Director of Regulatory Programs. There were no objections from the Board.

Generic Travel Corridor Unit Management Plan

Ed Frantz, DOT presented a public release of a Generic Travel Corridor Unit Management Plan. He reported the UMP provided consistent standards throughout the Park. He said the plan addresses many issues including utilities, invasive species, wildlife corridors, beaver management, culverts, scenic vistas, bicycles, signage, and access to State land while protecting the integrity of the Park. He said development of the plan and its implementation required partnerships between agencies and communities.

Mr. Lussi asked if the plan included the maintenance of scenic vistas. Mr. Frantz said the DOT did its best to provide maintenance and would work with municipalities to coordinate efforts.

Mr. Monroe asked if high-elevation beaver dams were being addressed. Mr. Frantz replied that the DOT was working closely with DEC staff and communities to identify and eliminate situations that proved hazardous to roadways.

Mr. Stegemann asked if the plan addressed salt management and impacts. Mr. Frantz said DOT was partnering with other agencies, communities, and researchers to train staff and develop alternatives.

Mr. Craig agreed that forming partnerships to address salt initiatives was crucial for water quality.

Ms. Feldman asked if the UMP encouraged the burial of power lines. Mr. Frantz replied that it was a costly and challenging task that will require the cooperation of many agencies.

Mr. Monroe asked if the signage in the Park was still being challenged on a federal level. Mr. Frantz said there was nothing new but that signage should be updated throughout the Park.

Mr. Craig and the Board thanked Mr. Frantz for his work and dedication to the development of the Travel Corridor UMP.

The Board continued to the forestry tour at 1:40 p.m.

Tour of Lyme Timber Company Landholding, Piercefield, NY

The Agency hosted a tour with Lyme Timber Company representatives, Eric Ross (General Manager of Adirondack Operations) and Susan Scofield (Forester), of a recently harvested site. Agency Permit 2015-28, issued 4/23/15, authorized timber harvesting on 549 acres of Lyme's 16,159 acre Colton-Piercefield Tract in the Town of Piercefield. A variety of silvicultural treatments were employed on the site, including overstory removal, thinning, clearcut, shelterwood establishment and seed tree establishment. The tour took place at the harvest site.

The tour was open to the public.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Sherman Craig, Chairman

Attachment:
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