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PARK POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE **November 9, 2018**

The Committee convened at 9:32 a.m..

Park Policy and Planning Committee Members Present:

Dr. Chad Dawson, Chair, Dan Wilt, John Ernst, and Bradley Austin (ESD)

Other Members and Designees Present:

Karen Feldman, Acting Chair, Art Lussi, Robert Stegemann (DEC), William Thomas, and Lynne Mahoney (DOS)

Local Government Review Board:

Gerald Delaney

Agency Staff Present:

Terry Martino, Sarah Reynolds, Keith McKeever, Molly Jordan, Rick Weber, Elizabeth Phillips, Dan Kelleher, Robyn Burgess, and Annemarie Peer.

Approval of October 2018 Draft Minutes

By motion of Mr. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Ernst, the October minutes were approved.

Town of Westport/Consolidated Mortgages, LLC Map Amendment (Matt Kendall)

Mr. Kendall presented a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) from the Town of Westport and Consolidated Mortgages, LLC, the owner of the land. The request is for an approximately 29 acre portion of a larger parcel to be reclassified from Resource Management to Hamlet.

Mr. Kendall said that today staff are asking the Board for authorization to publish the DSEIS and proceed to public comment. Staff intend to hold one public hearing.

Mr. Kendall gave the Board a brief background on the project. Staff has been working with the Town for several years, and the Town has an Approved Local Land Use Program.

He went over the standards for the Agency decision, which include the Adirondack Park Agency Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Agency. He noted an amendment must reflect the regional nature of the map, must meet the character descriptions; purposes, policies and objectives of the land use classification being proposed, and must use land use area classification determinants. He said the proposal cannot take into consideration any private development plans or local land use controls.

Mr. Kendall proceeded to go over the different maps which included the existing land use map, soil map, slope map, wetlands map, and the sewer/water map.

Mr. Kendall told the Board that there had been a previous amendment request for a nearby area, MA2014-04. The SEQR process was completed, but the Agency postponed a final decision while the Town and landowner planned for sewer. Ultimately the sewer was not expanded, and the amendment never progressed.

Mr. Kendall completed his presentation by going over the steps in the map amendment process: the draft supplemental environmental impact statement, public comment period, public hearing, final supplemental impact statement, and decision issued.

Mr. Lussi asked if the owner is an individual then who regulates them. Mr. Kendall responded the Town does under the rules they have in existence and depending on the scope of an actual project the Agency may have jurisdiction.

Mr. Delaney questioned contamination from soils. Mr. Kendall responded the Town would be involved, and the Agency may have jurisdiction, depending on the scope of an actual project.

Mr. Lussi questioned the boundary to the South of the property, stating that he believed there was active agriculture activities taking place. Mr. Kendall responded that it is vacant and is classified by the Town as a golf course.

Motion was made by Mr. Wilt to accept the DSEIS and to authorize staff to proceed to Public Comment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ernst. All were in favor.

Renewable Energy Production, Supply and Conservation (Dr. Chad Dawson)

Dr. Dawson began by asking if the Board was ready to go to public comment on the draft policy. By motion of Mr. Ernst and seconded by Mr. Wilt, the committee agreed to go to public comment.

The Board discussed the red line version of the policy, with comments from the Board's last review. Mr. Lussi asked for a change on page one from "foreign oil" to "fossil fuels."

Mr. Stegemann requested a change on page two, number three, to say "Renewable energy production including, but not limited to, alternatives such as wind and solar power are an important part of the state energy production policy and have potential for limited development within the Park."

All were in favor of these changes.

It was suggested by Ms. Reynolds that this draft policy go on the Agency's web site, with a time frame for public comment. At least two more board discussions will be required before adoption.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.