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AGENCY MINUTES

APRIL 6-7, 2006

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006

AGENCY MEMBERS, DESIGNEES AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Ross Whaley, Chair
Frank Mezzano, Member
Deanne Rehm, Member
Katherine Roberts, Member
James Townsend, Member
Leilani Ulrich, Member
Cecil Wray, Member
Randy Beach, Designee, Department of Economic Development
Karyn Richards, Designee, Department of Environmental Conservation
Richard Hoffman, Designee, Department of State
Richard Lefebvre, Executive Director
Barbara Rottier, Associate Counsel

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Daniel Spada, Supervisor, Natural Resource Analysis
Holly Kneeshaw, Assistant Director, Regulatory Programs
Ariel Diggory, Project Assistant
Sunita Halasz, Environmental Program Specialist 1
Keith McKeever, Public Information Director
Richard Weber, Supervisor, Regional Planning
Sarah Reynolds, Assistant Attorney
Mary Reardon, Keyboard Specialist 1
Susan Van Wormer, Calculations Clerk 2
Rita Quinn, Environmental Program Specialist 2
Jennifer Carlo, Project Assistant
Stevie Summers, Keyboard Specialist 1
Mitchell Goroski, Senior Attorney
Richard Terry, Senior Attorney
Michael Brennan, Environmental Educator 3 (Facility Manager)
Shaun LaLonde, Soil and Water Engineering Specialist
George Outcalt, Environmental Program Specialist 2
John Barge, Mapping Technologist 2
Laurie Bullis, Keyboard Specialist 1

Tracy Darrah, Secretary 1
John Quinn, Environmental Program Specialist 3

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Frederick Monroe, Executive Director

Chairman Whaley called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

1. Public Comment

Pat Willis of Rainbow Lake expressed support for the preservation of the St. Regis Fire Tower for both historical and sentimental reasons. She pointed out the panoramic and educational benefits of the tower, which illustrates the history of fire prevention, forest protection and management, and serves to educate people about the forest preserve and the importance of protecting it. She also pointed out that the fire tower could serve as a catalyst for drawing people away from the overused High Peaks.

Kelly Petrelli read aloud a letter signed by members of a group in support of restoring the fire tower atop St. Regis Mountain. She also circulated photos illustrating its beauty and dignity, and urged reclassification of the land on which it sits in order to preserve it for future generations.

Gordon Keyes of Paul Smiths added his support for preserving the St. Regis Fire Tower. He noted it served as a reminder of the importance of saving the forests, and its close proximity to the VIC lends itself to educating the public about the history of the Adirondacks and the value of the forests. Learning about the environment leads to respect for it, he said, and while fire spotting may be a thing of the past, education is a need for the present.

2. Approval of March 2006 Draft Minutes

On motion of Mr. Mezzano, seconded by Mr. Beach, the Agency unanimously adopted the March 2006 Draft Minutes, as amended by Mr. Townsend to reflect the fact that the Agency took no action during executive session, and as amended by Ms. Rehm to replace the word "impact" with "increase" at the top of page 9. Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Wray abstained from voting.

3. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Lefebvre noted the Agency's celebration of Earth Day 2006 and called attention to the recognition plaque on the wall. He then reported that the Agency's Thursday, May 11 meeting would take place at the Paul Smiths VIC and would feature a