

## **TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 16, 2009 – 2:30 p.m.  
At Wilton Mall Offices**

PRESENT: Chairman Matthew Veitch; Supervisors Tom Richardson, Arthur Wright; Larry Gordon, Town of Wilton; Jason Kemper, County Planner; Chip Ferguson, Maerich Corporation; Press

Chairman Veitch called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wright, the minutes of the meeting of February 24<sup>th</sup> were approved unanimously.

Chairman Veitch discussed the progress made on the Wilton Mall trail. He indicated that he had been in touch with Joe Ritchey, and Joe had informed him that they would begin work on the trail soon. Jason Kemper confirmed that he and the DPW foreman had been in contact and that they were coordinating the trail construction. Mr. Kemper stated that it looked like things were moving forward quickly. He indicated that there were some issues with deer ticks and debris near the trail entrance that would be dealt with during the construction.

Chairman Veitch announced that Board of Supervisors' Chairman Johnson had contacted the management at Wilton Mall, and they had agreed to designate parking in the lot near Bon Ton for trailhead parking. Chip Ferguson said that the Mall was happy to be a partner in this venture, and that he saw the benefit for Mall customers using the public trail. He believed it would help increase business for the Mall.

Chairman Veitch said that there would be several signs needed at the site since the land is open for hunting, and we need to let the public know that at certain times of the year, hunters may be on the property. In addition, directional signs and leash law signs were needed. Mr. Kemper said we could do signs after the trail was complete. Mr. Ferguson stated that maybe the Mall could get one of the businesses to sponsor a sign in order to keep the County's costs down.

Chairman Veitch mentioned that the original plans for this parcel had a trail marked as a dog-walking trail on the other side of Loudon Road. He said since the town has a leash law, and the location of the trail was near a busy road, he did not think that this was the most appropriate place for a dog-walking area. He said that one of the future County parcels in Wilton or Northumberland would be the dog trail.

Chairman Veitch announced to the committee that he has been in very preliminary discussions with the City of Saratoga Springs and the Saratoga P.B.A. regarding extending this trail south into Saratoga Springs. He felt the potential for a trail from Bog Meadow into Wilton was a very real possibility. Larry Gordon said that there is a potential as well to extend the trail north far into Wilton for a very long off-road trail in

this area of the County. Chairman Veitch said he would keep the committee posted as to the future of this potential trail construction.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Richardson, the meeting was adjourned.

Supervisor Matthew Veitch  
Trails Committee Chairman

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