

Trails Committee Minutes

March 2, 2010 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Veitch; Supervisors Kinowski, Wright, Richardson, Peck, and Southworth; Larry Gordon, Wilton; George Hodgson, Environmental Services; Dennis Flynn BOCES; Joe Ritchey, Public Works; Jason Kemper, Planning; Press.

Chairman Veitch called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Chairman Veitch announced the appointment of Mr. Richardson as committee Vice Chairman.

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Ritchey said in the fall all bulldozer work was completed on the West side of the Bullard Lane/Edie Road trail, as well as the construction of a parking lot.

Mr. Veitch said the Kiosk will probably be the same design as the Loudon Trail. The only difference with this trail is that there will be three trailheads, one near the parking lot, the entrance on Edie Road, and Bullard Lane.

Mr. Gordon said he has assembled a small volunteer group to clean up and mark the trail. Currently, the trail has been constructed and groomed from Edie Road to Camp Saratoga.

Mr. Gordon said the long-term objective for extending the trail is to go all the way over to Gailor Lane, to Rt. 50, into Camp Saratoga and eventually to Dorothy Nolan School.

Mr. Veitch asked how long the Bullard Lane/Edie Road trail was? Mr. Kemper said approximately 2.27 miles.

Mr. Veitch said the Kalabus Lot/Perry Lot trail is being constructed in the town of Northumberland and the town of Wilton. Mr. Flynn said it is expected that the trail would be completed by spring.

Mr. Veitch distributed the trail markers for all committee members to see. There are three colors; white to mark the main trail, yellow and orange will mark off site trails. The markers are made of aluminum with an expected life span of at least 15 years.

Mr. Veitch said he would like to thank the Economic Development Committee for re-appropriating \$12,000 of unspent funds from last year to be used for the county trails project.

Mr. Veitch said that by November 2009 there were approximately 80 – 90 people who had signed in to use the Loudon Road Trail.

Mr. Gordon said that approximately a month ago the State DEC had a Unit Management plan, which involves all State owned lands in the town of Wilton and Northumberland. The State is required by law to summarize the uses that are allowed on the parcels, everything from wildlife to habitats, fish, trails and variety of trails, management of it, etc. There is a piece of the Edie Road Trail, which has been historically used and has to be confirmed by the Unit Management Plan. Mr. Gordon requested support from the Trails Committee to endorse the implementation of the trail, which is a pedestrian/horse path. He said he would request that Mr. Johnson write a letter of support, which the committee would then endorse.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wright to approve a letter of support to endorse the implementation of the Edie Road Trail in the State Unit Management Plan upon completion of a letter submitted to the committee by Supervisor A. Johnson. Unanimous.

Mr. Richardson asked for an update on the Zim Smith trail from Coons Crossing into Mechanicville. Mr. Kemper said the Canadian Pacific Railroad has given a five-year window, where either the County or Saratoga PLAN will need to take ownership. The Economic Development Committee is working to secure federal funds for the project.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom