

## Public Works Committee Minutes

April 12, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Sausville; Supervisors Grattidge, Raymond, Richardson, Veitch, Wright and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Rick Gardner, Joseph Ritchey, Public Works; Mike Valentine, Planning; Devon Dalpos, Molly Gonyea, Southwest Neighborhood Assoc.; Robert Hansen NYSDOT.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wright the minutes of the February 8, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Hansen said presented a power point presentation on an overview of the State Highway work in Saratoga County and general budgetary issues.

Ms. Raymond said she has worked with Mr. Hansen for approximately fifteen years and the State of New York is losing a wonderful person. He has always been able to talk to local government and understood the needs of Saratoga County. Ms. Raymond wished Mr. Hansen a wonderful retirement.

Mr. Ritchey gave a brief overview of the 2010 Capital Highway and Bridge Program as follows:

The highway program has been cut back to 12 miles of reconstruction for 2010. The following road projects will be done this year: 3.3 miles in the town of Providence, County Road 13, Fayetteville Road; 3.5 miles in the towns of Corinth/Day, County Road 10, Glasgow Road; 5 miles in the towns of Wilton/Northumberland, Wilton/Gansevoort Road.

There are six bridge projects scheduled for 2010: Coons Crossing over the Anthonykill; Fenwick Street over the Kayaderosseras Creek in the Village of Ballston Spa, and Bath Street Bridge; County Route 4, over Glasgow Creek; County Road 32 over the Snookkill. The Geyser Road Bridge is a stimulus project that will be shut down to one lane in June and completed in November.

Ms. Gonyea, a member of the Southwest Neighborhood Association, said she is hoping that the sidewalk addition to the Geyser Road Bridge will be completed. There is a large population that would use the sidewalks as a connection from their neighborhoods to all the shops that are situated along Geyser Road. This would be an added benefit for both Milton and the Southwest side of Saratoga. Ms. Gonyea asked if work could be done with regard to the approaches to the Geyser Road Bridge at the same time as the bridge is being reconstructed, limiting the time the bridge would be blocked off.

Mr. Dalpos, President of the Southwest Neighborhood Association of Saratoga Springs and a member of the adhoc Trails committee, said the sidewalk that goes over the Geysers Road Railroad Bridge is very important for the Geysers Road Trail. This trail was started by Ms. Gonyea and Supervisor Veitch a number of years ago and through their efforts and other efforts, private funds were raised for the Geysers Road trail project, plus a grant from Mr. Tedisco's office. To date, the preliminary design and the survey work have been completed for the two miles of the trail that will eventually connect to the Zim Smith Trail. The project is at the point of going to the final design and construction. A sidewalk will alleviate the safety concerns and will help the trail project, he said.

Mr. Sausville requested approval of a resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute all agreements necessary for the additional engineering work associated with the Geysers Road Bridge sidewalk addition.

Mr. Ritchey said there is an agreement with the City of Saratoga Springs for the local share of \$550.

Ms. Raymond asked if the design work that is going to be done for the additional engineering includes the sidewalks on the approaches? Mr. Ritchey said, yes. The engineering work has already been done; however, the State just approved it for Federal funds.

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Ms. Raymond to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute all agreements necessary to accept a Federal Grant to cover additional engineering costs related to the Geysers Road Bridge sidewalk addition. Total cost is \$11,000 covered by 98% Federal, 15% State and 5% local. Unanimous.**

Mr. Ritchey said between a Federal and State grant Grooms Road and Riverview Road were reconstructed in 1999. At that time since it was under state funding, the State acquired all the easements on the road.

Mr. Ritchey is requesting authorization for the Chairman to sign for the recording of the deeds and accept the easements obtained by NYSDOT for the reconstruction of CR 91 (Grooms and Riverview Road) in the Town of Clifton Park.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign for the recording of the deeds and accept the easements obtained by NYSDOT for the reconstruction of CR 91 (Grooms Road and Riverview Road in the Town of Clifton Park. Unanimous.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted.  
Chris Sansom