

Trails Committee Minutes

May 19, 2010 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Veitch; Supervisors Kinowski, Wright and Richardson; Devin Dal Pos, Saratoga Springs; Jason Kemper, Planning; Dennis Flynn, BOCES; Kevin Ballou, Northumberland.

Chairman Veitch 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 March 2, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Kemper gave a brief update on the Bullard Lane/Edie Road Trail as follows:

- Work continues on clearing the trails.
- A map of suggested locations for the trail markers was presented to all committee members for their review.
- The kiosks have been installed at both ends of the trail.
- Fence posts and rails have been ordered and will be installed around the parking lot on the north side along Edie Road.

Mr. Veitch said the opening of the Bullard Lane/Edie Road Trail is anticipated in a approximately a month.

Mr. Kinowski suggested that the county website be added to the maps that are displayed in the kiosks.

Mr. Flynn gave a brief update on the Kalabus Lot/Perry Lot Trail as follows:

- The trail has been roughed in and the debris is currently being removed.
- Culvert pipes have been received
- A short section is needed to be done with the excavator and is expected to be completed shortly

Mr. Veitch said the subdivision along Kendrick Hill Road has cut a trail on county lands.

Mr. Kemper said the issue is that the subdivision is marketing the trail on county lands as only homeowners are allowed to use the trail.

Mr. Kemper said that he would follow up with Mr. Johnson to ensure that contact has been made with the subdivision homeowners' association.

Mr. Veitch suggested building a connector between the county trail and the homeowner's association trail in the section that is on county land.

Mr. Ballou, a mountain biker from the town of Northumberland asked if the mountain bike trails would be marked?

Mr. Kemper expressed concern with liability issues if the trails were marked.

Mr. Veitch said the committee would discuss further the marking of mountain bike trails further, and he would meet with the Saratoga Mountain Bike Association to obtain more information.

Mr. Kemper said there is money left in the trail budget and made suggestions for trail signs. He gave the committee information on two types of material for the signs: Dibond material which is indestructible, weather resistant and fade resistant or Lexsand sheets, similar to Plexiglas, but a lot more durable and cheaper. Mr. Kemper said he would get quotes for the signs.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom