

Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes
April 9, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Hargrave, Jenkins, Lucia, Barrett, Lewza, Wright, Grattidge, Wood, and Southworth; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Daniel Butler, Animal Shelter; Michael Churchill, Zach Staff, McFarland Johnson; Hans Lehr, Mental Health; George Hanke, Adirondack Soaring; George Conway, Asst. County Attorney; Tom Speziale, Joe Ritchey, Public Works; Hugh Burke, County Attorney; Paul Safran, Resident; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Barrett the minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Churchill gave a brief update on the Airport Rules and Regulations as follows: He said he has been in discussions with the FAA and the topic that they are struggling with is the staging area using the cross wind runway and closing that runway during glider operations. They are trying to find a way to allow that to work and to allow the gliders to operate and not impact fixed aircraft. After speaking to the FAA about the review process, a draft approach will need to be submitted to them, which will then go through a National Rule Making review and then the final decision will be made. This process will take approximately six months, he said. Mr. Churchill offered an approach to the committee for consideration, suggesting adopting an interim set of rules and regulations which don't address the staging on the crosswind. This would buy some time as work continues with the much more difficult issue of closing the crosswind runway and will have something in place while going through that process.

Mr. Churchill recommended that the committee proceed with finalizing an interim set of rules and regulations.

Mr. Churchill requested authorization to finalize the interim rules and present those at the next Buildings and Grounds Meeting and then have them go into effect while they pursue the option of using the cross wind runway as a staging area. The committee agreed.

Mr. Churchill presented the following outline:

- April 20th – draft interim rules will be presented to the committee members for their review
- May 14th - Committee approval of the Draft Interim rules and regulations
- Early June – Full acceptance and implementation of the interim rules and regulations

He said concurrent on that they will be working to finalizing the concept of the staging area on the cross wind runway.

Mr. Safran asked that, there be representation from the glider clubs and the local active general aviation on the technical advisory committee. He said a lot of what transpired over the last six months in miscommunication could have been alleviated by having some local input.

Mr. Rowland requested a follow up resolution to Resolution 60-12 requesting home rule legislation to allow removal of land from reforestation for use by the Town of Moreau as a water pump station. Resolution must identify the proposed bills by the bill numbers.

Mr. Hellwig said once the bill numbers are attached to the resolution it will come back to be reapproved again with those details in it.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to approve a follow up resolution to resolution 60-12 requesting home rule legislation to allow removal of land from reforestation for use by the Town of Moreau as a water pump station. Unanimous.

Mr. Lehr said he has received a call from Saratoga Hospital letting them know that per the terms of the lease agreement within the next few weeks they would be receiving the one year termination notice from them to vacate the building. A summary of the lease agreements for Mental Health was distributed to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Lehr said the new location doesn't have to be near the hospital, but the further away from Saratoga Springs the further away they are from a core set of population that they serve. Since the clinic has been in Saratoga Springs a lot of the services grew up around that location. If we are far from Saratoga Springs, he said from a long term perspective, we would absolutely have to look at having a satellite in Saratoga Springs. This is a significant issue that needs to be addressed. He said in the short term they may have to lease, long term it may be in the interest of the county to own its own building as leases are going to continue to go up and the funding is not likely to match the leases as it has done in the past through the lending mechanism that no longer exists.

Mr. Lehr said there are a lot of benefits for Mental Health to be co-located, rather than three different locations. Currently a number of services have to be duplicated in each program. That could be eliminated and it would save significant money, and the larger space might be gotten for a better lease rate.

Mr. Rowland appointed an advisory committee consisting of Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Wright, Mr. Rowland and Mr. Hellwig to begin looking at the needs of the Mental Health Department.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Lucia the meeting moved to Executive Session for the purpose of pending Litigation. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Lucia the meeting was reopened to regular session. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lucia to accept \$58,174.81 for a settlement with J. Luk Construction. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom