

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

Present: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Hargrave, Jenkins, Lucia, Barrett, Lewza, Wright, Southworth Wood, and Raymond; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Tom Speziale, Public Works; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Planning; John Mahoney, Adirondack Soaring; Keith Manz, Town of Wilton; 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 June 11, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Wright said Saratoga County owns a bridge between the towns of Luzerne and Hadley. He said it has been in the past a very popular swimming area, but presently there have been problems with graffiti and garbage being left in the area and people jumping off the bridge. He said this is not a safe place to swim and he is requesting a resolution to install a “No Trespassing” sign below the Hadley Luzerne Bridge.

Mr. Wright said after speaking to the County Attorney he has been told that a \$100 fine could be imposed and/or up to 30 days in jail for a first offense.

Mr. Dorsey said under county law Section 215 the county does have the power to adopt either a resolution or a local law imposing rules, regulations or ordinances governing the use of county property. This would make it a criminal offense and the penalties would be a fine of up to \$100 or imprisonment of up to 30 days or both.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewza, seconded by Mr. Barrett to approve a resolution for the installation of a “No Trespassing” sign under the Hadley-Luzerne Bridge, which would include a fine of up to \$100 and/or up to 30 days in jail for violators. Unanimous.

Mr. Mahoney said for the past three years Adirondack Soaring has hosted Freedom Wings International, which is a non-profit organization that offers soaring flights to people with disabilities. They have one aircraft, one glider and over a Saturday and Sunday they have had Freedoms Wings use their support in order to provide flights for those with disabilities. He said typically the aircraft are used using your hands and feet, however; these aircraft have been significantly modified so that you only fly with your hands, which allows people in wheel chairs to have the flying experience as well. This event would take place in October, he said.

The committee agreed to the proposal with the stipulation that the FBO be notified of the event as well.

Mr. Rowland asked where they would be parking. Mr. Mahoney said they would be parking in the cleared area immediately adjacent to the lease hold which was cleared for parking. He said Saratoga Soaring and Adirondack Soaring are working closely together to ensure that the operations are appropriate.

Mr. Mahoney said Adirondack Soaring would like to have a barbecue on their lease hold for their members celebrating 60 years of flying at Saratoga. Mr. Mahoney asked if it would be acceptable to have the event in the next month. The committee approved, but requested that the FBO be notified as well.

Mr. Mahoney asked what the status of the NoTam solution to close a partial runway for future operations and to have that run by the FAA. Mr. Rowland said the county has not heard back from the FAA as yet.

Mr. Dorsey said in January the Board adopted a resolution authorizing to proceed with the process to subdivide the top of Spruce Mountain. The county has a parcel on the top of Spruce Mountain which is approximately 8 acres in size. The project was to subdivide the parcel into two lots. The second lot is 2.55 acres in size, which contains the Spruce Mountain fire tower. The subdivision has been accomplished and approved by the Town of Corinth and by the APA. He said the county is ready to proceed with the actual transfer of the property to the State. As part of that they will ask that the county execute a land donation agreement.

Mr. Dorsey requested the following resolution.

Requesting a SEQRA determination and resolution that the proposed conveyance of a 2.55 acre parcel on the top of Spruce Mountain Parcel, Town of Moreau, to the State of New York is an unlisted action and recommending the issuance by the Board of a negative declaration.

Requested authorization for the Chairman to execute a land donation agreement with the State of New York, and conveying the subdivided 2.55 acre parcel on the top of Spruce Mountain to the State.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve the above resolution as stated above. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey requested the following resolution:

Requesting a SEQRA determination and resolution that the proposed conveyance of a .082 acre parcel of County reforested land on Spier Falls Road in the Town of Moreau, to the Town for a water pumping station is an unlisted action, and recommend the issuance by the Board of a negative declaration.

Resolution authorizing the Chairman to convey a .082 acre parcel of County reforested land on Spier Falls Road in the Town of Moreau to the Town for a water pumping station conditioned

up the Governor signing into law Senate Bill S6905/Assembly Bill A09800 and the dedication of a .1 acre section of the County's Spruce Mountain parcel as reforested land.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Lewza to approve the above resolution as stated above. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom