

Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes
June 11, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Hargrave, Jenkins, Lucia, Barrett, Lewza, Wright, Wood and Raymond; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Keith Manz, Town of Wilton; Tom Speziale, Public Works; Mike Churchill, McFarland Johnson; Hans Lehr, Mental Health; Tim Hanke, George Hanke, Adirondack Soaring; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Kathy Marchione, County Clerk; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Pat Reed League of Women Voters; Press.

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

Chairman Rowland requested that the minutes of the May 1, 2012 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting be amended to reflect a “No” vote by Mr. Lewza with regard to the vote on adopting the Interim Airport Rules and Regulations.

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lewza to approve an amendment to the May 1, 2012 minutes to reflect a “No” vote by Mr. Lewza with regard to the vote on the Interim Airport Rules and Regulations. Unanimous.

Mrs. Marchione said a number of years ago the Remsen Street Parking Lot was for DMV customers only. Many years ago there was a request to open up the parking lot because there wasn't enough employee parking, and permission was given. Mrs. Marchione said she is receiving complaints from customers that there are not enough parking spaces for DMV customers; therefore, she is requesting permission to designate 14 parking spaces for “Half Hour Parking for DMV Customers Only” in the Remsen Street DMV lot.

Mr. Dorsey said there was a resolution back from 1973 that stated that employees could not park there. He said this was when the family court building was the social services building and there was only one court there. If there was a change it wasn't done by resolution, and certainly the Board of Supervisors has the authority by resolution to adopt parking rules for all county properties, and parking areas. Mr. Dorsey asked if there would be a sanction imposed as a result of violations of parking restrictions. He said no action would have to be taken right away, and if people are still parking in spots that they shouldn't, it could be revisited to see if there is a need to impose a fine for violations.

Mr. Rowland requested that the current sign at the DMV parking lot designating “No Customer Parking”, be removed.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Lewza to approve the installation of 14 signs designating parking spaces for “Half Hour Parking for DMV Customers Only” in the Remsen Street DMV lot. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey said last month the Board adopted a resolution sending a request for home rule legislation to the State legislature. It had to be done a second time because there were certain amendments made by the Assembly to the proposed legislation. Originally the county sent a request for home rule legislation asking for authorization to convey an easement to the Town of Moreau for the purposes of installing a water pump station that would allow the town to connect to the Saratoga County Water Authority System. That system would be over county reforested lands, and because they are county reforested lands you are prohibited by State law from using those lands for any other purpose other than reforested purposes or recreation purposes. When the request for home rule legislation got to the Assembly they made a change to it and required that instead of conveying an easement, that the county convey the parcel outright for this purpose. Last month the Board adopted a resolution that home rule legislation as amended by the Assembly be passed by the Senate and Assembly and be signed into law by the Governor. The Assembly passed the legislation on May 31st and it has been sent on to the Senate.

Mr. Dorsey requested authorization from the Board to begin the subdivision process of .082 acres in the Town of Moreau.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to approve a resolution to proceed with a subdivision of a parcel of County reforested land to be conveyed to the Town of Moreau for a water pump station. Unanimous.

Mr. Wright asked if there were any fees for going through the subdivision process for the Town of Moreau Planning Board. Mr. Jenkins said, no.

Mr. Rowland said a notice was received from Saratoga Hospital stating that they are going to be asking the County Mental Health Facility to vacate the property that is leased from them by May 31, 2013. He said he would like to have the subcommittee meet with the County Administrator sometime by the end of this week or into next week as schedules permit. He requested that any subcommittee members that might have conflicts contact the County Administrator or himself.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom