

Trails Committee Minutes  
February 6, 2015 - 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kinowski; Supervisors Richardson and Martin; Jason Kemper, Planning Director.

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

Chairman Kinowski announced the appointment of Supervisor Tom Richardson as Committee Vice Chair.

**On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Martin the minutes of the November 5, 2014 minutes were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Kemper provided a brief update on the parcels that will be harvested in the Town of Corinth to meet the annual revenue projections of \$60,000. He also updated the committee on the future plans to use some timber from the county forest lots to help construct the new visitor center in Schuylerville.

Mr. Kemper updated the committee on the equine uses occurring in the Town of Moreau. Mr. Kemper gave a presentation at the Backcountry Horsemen's Association meeting on the county forestland parcels in Moreau and the opportunities they can provide. He said the group will check out the parcels, re-convene, and get back to Jason with their thoughts on developing horse trails. They seemed very excited about the possibility of using some of the county parcels for parking and the ability to possibly gain access to Moreau Lake State Park. The NYS Office of Parks and Recreation also gave a presentation at the meeting.

Mr. Kemper updated the committee on the status for the Design and ROW acquisition for the Zim Smith Trail. An RFQ was sent out on November 4th, with five firms responding. A selection committee of four selected the firm of Greenman Pederson. Included in their team were MJ Engineering, Gilbert VanGuilder & Associates, Lansing Engineering and RK Hite.

Mr. Kemper will be appearing before the Economic Development Committee and the full Board of Supervisors to seek approval to enter into a contract with GPI for the full design and ROW acquisition for the Zim Smith Trail.

**A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Martin to support the proposal presented by GPI and encourage the full Board of Supervisors to move forward with the design and ROW acquisition from Coons Crossing to the City of Mechanicville. Unanimous.**

Supervisor Kinowski and Richardson updated the committee on the work being completed in the Town of Waterford, Halfmoon, Stillwater and City of Mechanicville to connect the

Champlain Canalway Trail with the Zim Smith Trail. Supervisor Martin also encouraged the committee to begin planning on the Zim Smith Extension up to Saratoga Spa State Park.

**On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Martin the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom