

Trails Committee Minutes
June 24, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kinowski; Supervisors Lent, Wright, Martin, Richardson; Devin Dalpos, Saratoga Springs; Jason Kemper, Jamie O'Neill, Planning; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Martin the minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Kemper gave an update on the Zim Smith Trail stating that the survey for the Zim Smith from Coons Crossing to Mechanicville has been completed. He said the first special use permit for the trail was issued; however, the process has been slow due to the insurance requirements.

Mr. Kinowski asked Mr. Kemper to email any information he obtains about a Hold Harmless Policy to committee members, and at the same time he would speak to the County Attorney to see if he has any suggestions. After the information is gathered he suggested moving it forward to the Economic Development Committee for their review and consideration in changing the insurance requirements.

Mr. Kemper said he had a meeting with the Town of Moreau Supervisor with regard to equine lands where Warren, Washington and BOCES have expressed interest. Work continues with Moreau State Park to try to get a trail connection from Moreau State Park to the County Forestlands.

Mr. Kemper distributed a copy of the Saratoga County Trails Grant Program for 2015 to all committee members for their review. He said in 2015 the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors set aside \$100,000 in matching grant funding to assist municipalities in the construction of trails. This grant program is a 50/50 matching grant with county funding awarded directly to the municipality when the project is completed. The required local match can be either cash or in-kind services or a combination of both. A suggested application period was July 10, 2015 through September 21, 2015.

Suggestions were given for changes to the Ranking Criteria. Mr. Kemper said he would make the changes and provide a revised copy to all committee members for their review.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom

