

Trails Committee Minutes
March 2, 2016 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Richardson; Supervisors Allen, Lent, Wood, and Wright; Jason Kemper, Jamie O'Neil, Planning.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the December 22, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Richardson announced the appointment of Mr. Wood as Committee Vice Chair.

Mr. Kemper gave a brief update on the following:

County Forestry Program

Mr. Kemper said a bid has gone out for timber harvesting in the Town of Northumberland. He said the harvested area consists of approximately 256,000 feet of white pine and 333,000 feet of red pine. Bids will be opened on March 16th.

Mr. Kemper said timber projections have been received for the construction of the Visitors Center in Mechanicville. He said he has been working with the county forester on the BOCES lot where he believes all projections can be met, and work will be done in-house.

Zim Smith Trail

Mr. Kemper said he has been in conversations with the railroad in the past couple of weeks. He believes that agreements are close on having the county purchase a large amount of land from them, which is on the south side of the railroad tracks which will make the design easier and less expensive.

Mr. Richardson said negotiations are in process with the Capital District Transportation Committee with a projection of approximately \$2.9 million from them to help with new construction on the Zim Smith Trail.

County Trails Grant Program

All the contracts are fully executed, minus the City of Saratoga Springs and the Town of Clifton Park.

Mr. Kemper said that the trails grant applications will be going out early May. The committee agreed that each applicant can apply for up to \$10,000.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom