

Economic Development Committee Minutes  
August 2, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Tim Szczepaniak; Supervisors John Collyer, Alan Grattidge, Dick Lucia, Tom Richardson, Mo Wright and Chairman of the Board Ed Kinowski; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Mike Valentine, Troy Hilts, Planning; Ed Snyder, GPI; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Lucia, the minutes of the July 5, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to authorize the Chair to enter into the necessary agreements to apply for, accept and administer a New York State Snowmobile Grant-In-Aid Program Grant and authorizing the issuance of a negative declaration under SEQRA. Unanimous.**

Mr. Hilts distributed a handout to the committee. Mr. Valentine gave an overview and said that the snowmobile program has been in place since 1994. The grant amount is not to exceed \$89,000 and these are pass through funds that go directly to the clubs of the Saratoga County Association of Snowmobile Clubs. In Saratoga County there are 6 snowmobile clubs that cover over 164 miles of corridor and secondary trails through 17 municipalities.

Mr. Valentine said that trail additions or reroutes require going through the SEQRA process. Mr. Hilts gave an overview of the map of trails, there are three changes this year. A route change to S83B in the Town of Galway, a route change to S83 and a new trail designated as trail "A" in the Town of Edinburg.

**A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Grattidge, to declare Saratoga County as the Lead Agency and issuing a Negative Declaration for the Zim Smith Trail Southern Extension Project under SEQRA. Unanimous.**

Mr. Valentine introduced Ed Snyder from GPI. Mr. Snyder said that the county has been progressing with the Zim Smith Trail project, at this point they have identified all of the environmental impacts and the County is ready to move forward with SEQRA and declaring Lead Agency. Mr. Snyder said that a resolution has been drafted by the County Attorney and the full Environmental Assessment Form has been sent out to all interested parties. No responses have been received contesting the County being lead agency. The only impact identified was an area designated as a cultural sensitive area, which was small and isolated. This has been addressed with the State Environmental and Preservation Office and a deed covenant is in place to restrict access to this area.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Lucia, to authorize the transfer of 2016 trails grant funds from the county trails development reserve fund to the Town of**

**Saratoga for the reconstruction of 1.2 miles of an abandoned section of the Champlain Trail and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

Mr. Valentine said that the amount of the transfer is \$11,250.

**On a motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Grattidge, to the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board