

Economic Development Committee Minutes
March 1, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Matthew Veitch; Supervisors Phil Barrett, Alan Grattidge, Art Johnson, Scott Ostrander, Tom Richardson and Chairman of the Board Ed Kinowski; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Hugh Burke, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Allison Hargrave, Planning; Mike Relyea, Luther Forest Technology Campus.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, the minutes of the February 1, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Kemper introduced Alison Hargrave, new employee in the Planning Department. Allison's primary focus will be the farmland, open space and trail projects. Mr. Kemper previously distributed a memo via email outlining his agenda items.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to authorize an agreement with The Dolomite Group for construction and maintenance of a rapid rectangular flashing beacon at the Zim Smith Trail intersection with Curtis Industrial Park associated with the proposed asphalt plant project. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said that when the Dolomite Asphalt Plant project was approved by the Ballston Planning Board, the statement of finding found that the truck traffic may impact the users of the trail. The design submitted for the intersection has been approved by NYS DOT, and also Greenman Pedersen, the trail engineers. Dolomite Group will be responsible for all construction costs and maintenance. There will be an actuated beacon on both sides of the Zim Smith, both a sensor and push button on the signal. The crosswalk will be restriped. There will be no impact to the sewer trunk line.

Mr. Kemper gave an overview on the County Farmland and Open Space projects and Trails project.

Yearly update of Farmland/Open Space Projects.

Mr. Kemper distributed a spreadsheet outlining projects from 2003 to present. Since 2003, County Funding total is \$4,598,849 which has leveraged over \$23M in total project costs. This \$4.5M has permanently protected 4319 acres of which 2544 is farmland and 1775 is open space.

Pending Farmland Open Space Projects

Mr. Kemper distributed a spreadsheet outlining all outstanding projects at this time. Of the 10 projects, 6-7 will be closed out within the next month. Pending open space projects total \$422,109. The balance of the open space reserve account as of 2/20/2018 is \$510,686.72.

Trails Program Summary

Mr. Kemper distributed a spreadsheet outlining the trails program summary as of 2/20/2018. Since 2015 the County has provided \$153,000 in funding toward trail projects which has leveraged approximately \$1.5M in total project costs. There are three trail projects currently outstanding, Town of Clifton Park, City of Saratoga Springs and Town/Village Corinth and the Planning Department is working with the municipalities on moving them forward. Current outstanding projects total \$33K and the Trails Reserve Account balance is currently \$33,127.53. Mr. Veitch asked Mr. Kemper to send a synopsis of all projects to the Supervisors.

Mr. Kemper said that he anticipates having the right of way certificate for the final property on the southern piece of the Zim Smith trail by the end of the month. This will trigger a formal contract with NYS DOT for the federal aid portion of the project.

Mr. Veitch said that Mr. Connors from GlobalFoundries will be at the April Economic Development Meeting with a brief powerpoint and updates.

Mr. Veitch said that he has met with several different organizations including the IDA, both Chambers of Commerce, the Tourism Bureau, County Fair and GlobalFoundries and he plans on having many of these groups meet with the Committee in the upcoming months. Mr. Veitch said that he has been meeting with the Board President of SCPP and a Board Member of SEDC, they are getting together to talk about the future of that arrangement and Mr. Veitch will keep the committee updated on any developments.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board