

## Land Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2016 1:30pm

Saratoga County Planning Department 50 West High Street Ballston Spa NY 12020

**Committee Members Present:** Richard Lucia, Chairman, Supervisor Philip Barrett, Supervisor Alan Grattidge, Jason Kemper.

**Staff:** Jaime L. O'Neill County Planning Department

**Guests:** Harold Wessell, The Ballston Journal

Chairman Lucia called the meeting to order at 1:34pm

First item on the Agenda was to review grant applications received by the Committee during the 2016 application period. There were a total of 3, these included 1 farmland and 2 open space applications totaling \$105,549.

Ms. O'Neill provided a brief overview of each project that submitted a grant application.

Town of Clifton Park: - Town has applied for a grant of \$50,000 to purchase a 34 acre parcel of land along Moe Road that borders to the Clifton Park –Halfmoon Library. This land is considered to be surplus land that was created by a subdivision of the original 80 acre parcel that contains two schools of the Shenendehowa campus. This land will serve as a Town Center Public Green that is called for in the Town's Town Center Plan. Development of footpaths and trails across this tract will serve as a connection to the existing Moe Road Multi-Use Town Trail with the Town Center at Exit 9. Total project costs are expected to be in excess of \$1 Million dollars.

Town of Galway-Saratoga PLAN has applied for a grant of \$23,405 to assist with a landowner donation of a 23 acre wooded parcel located off of Crane Street in the town of Galway. This land borders the Milton Preserve along its southern boundary and the Carpenter Farm along its northern boundary which is in the process of being conserved by Saratoga PLAN. This land will help to extend the existing trail network from Milton Preserve to the Carpenter Farm. Total estimated project cost is \$143,405.00

Town of Wilton- Saratoga PLAN has applied for a grant of \$32,144 to assist with a landowner donation of 95 acres of prime farmland along Old Gick, Jones Road and Putman Lane in the town of Wilton. This farmland is currently rented by King Ransom Farm in Northumberland. King Ransom Farm is a multi-generational dairy farm located in Bacon Hill that bottles their own milk and has a home delivery service. The estimated project cost is \$1,068,681.00

A Motion was made to approve the grant requests as submitted by the applicants totaling \$105,549 and move to Law and Finance Committee on November 9, 2016 was mad by Supervisor Grattidge, seconded by Supervisor Barrett motion carried 4-0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Kemper, seconded by Supervisor Grattidge, the meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.