

Land Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2017 2:00pm

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

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Richard Lucia, Chairman, Supervisor Philip Barrett, Supervisor Alan Grattidge, Supervisor Tom Wood, Supervisor John Collyer, Maria Trabka, Saratoga PLAN and Jason Kemper, Director, Saratoga County Planning.

Staff: Jaime L. O'Neill County Planning Department

Chairman Lucia called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm

A motion was made by Supervisor Grattidge to approve the November 2, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Kemper motion carried 7-0.

Ms. O'Neill provided project status updates for awarded grant projects from 2015 and 2016. The committee awarded 7 grants in 2015. Three of those grants have been awarded Farmland Protection grant money from New York State and Saratoga PLAN is working towards completing project files and expects to close these projects in 2018. City of Saratoga Springs was awarded a \$100,000 for the Pitney Meadows Community Farm and has closed on the property. It is expected that the grant monies will be sent to the city within the coming weeks. The Town of Milton has closed on their project and is working with the County Planning department to get closing documentation submitted and receive grant disbursement. Jason is checking with the town of Moreau for status on their project.

The committee awarded 3 grants in 2016, two of which are full donations of land and are expected to close during 2017.

Second order of business was to discuss potential changes to the 2017 grant application. Clarification is being sought for project management costs and if they are an eligible cost under the program if the project involves a full donation of land or conservation easement. Discussion was held and Ms. O'Neill will update the 2017 grant application and provide to the committee via email a redlined version for their approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Trabka to change the verbiage to add *project management cost associated with donated easement* under the eligible cost portion of the grant application. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0, with Mrs. Trabka abstaining.

The committee discussed the 2017 application period and discussed keeping the same timeframes as in 2016 which was June 1st through September 1st. A motion to set the 2017 grant application period from June 1st, 2017 through September 1st, 2017 was made by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Grattidge, motion carried 7-0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Collyer, the meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.