

Economic Development Committee Minutes
August 2, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Matthew Veitch; Supervisors Tara Gaston, Alan Grattidge, Art Johnson, Jack Lawler, Scott Ostrander, Tom Richardson and Chairman of the Board Ed Kinowski; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Jason Kemper, Planning; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the minutes of the July 5, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Kemper previously distributed a memo regarding his items via email.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Grattidge, 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. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said that this is an annual grant. These are pass through funds from New York State to the various clubs in the Saratoga County Association of Snowmobile Clubs. Funding is not to exceed \$89,000. In 2017 there was one new trail in the Town of Edinburg. In accordance with NYS a review under SEQRA will need to be prepared. Maps of the snowmobile trails and clubs were included in the memo previously distributed.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to authorize the County to manage and fund the construction of a Champlain Canalway Trail project in the Town of Waterford in an amount up to \$408,000. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said that the Saratoga County Planning Department began working with the Town of Waterford, Town of Halfmoon and City of Mechanicville in 2012 on this project. This is a piece of land owned by the City of Mechanicville in the Town of Waterford and is 1.2 miles. In 2017 a \$408K grant was announced by the Hudson River Greenway and it was requested by both the Town of Waterford and the Hudson River Greenway to have the Planning Department manage the project. Mr. Lawler said that the Town of Waterford will be passing a resolution on Tuesday.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to authorize the Chair of the Board to execute easements with the Fairways of Halfmoon to accommodate planned improvements to the Zim Smith Trail. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper thanked Mr. Dorsey for all the work he has done on the Zim Smith Trail acquisitions, especially in the past few weeks. Mr. Kemper said that they are hoping to have all right of way acquisitions completed next week. This portion of the project is located at the southern end of the golf course and will cross some golf paths. There are currently utilities that run under the golf paths and the easement will allow the golf club to continue to cross at certain locations as well as

bring utilities below the trail. Mr. Lawler requested that language be included to ensure that any future construction or improvement plans will have to be approved by Saratoga County. Mr. Lawler also requested that a hold harmless and indemnification be in place for the easement. Mr. Kemper said that signage and fencing will be installed on this section of trail. The trail will be paved with shoulders and have a covered area. Detailed plans of the trail were included in the previously distributed memo.

Mr. Veitch said that Mr. Vanags from the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership was unable to attend today's meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. Veitch gave a brief overview of the activities of the Partnership. Mr. Veitch reported that the SCPP has been providing assistance regarding exporting. Currently the partnership is working with 32 companies. Mr. Vanags recently returned from a Semi-Con West conference with approximately 100 new industry contacts and several potential projects. The SCPP has also been involved in many Consolidated Funding Projects including Town of Moreau Waterfront Revitalization Plan, Adirondack Aquatic Center in Malta, Saratoga Springs for the Arts Trail Grant, Flat Rock redevelopment project, Ellms Farm, Peak Environmental in Round Lake, and AIM Services.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board