

Trails Committee Minutes
August 29, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Richardson; Committee members Devin DalPos, Jason Kemper, Michael Smith, Matt Veitch and Tom Wood; Allison Hargrave, Planning.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Veitch the minutes of the May 3, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Kemper gave a brief update on the Zim Smith Trail. The trail is currently out to bid and they are also in the process of closing on the final property. The bids open on Friday, September 7 at 11am. They will immediately send the bids to DOT for their review and are hoping that DOT will sign off on the bids by Monday. If so, a special Economic Development meeting can be held this month prior to Law & Finance in order to be able to award the bid. This would allow for construction to begin late October and be able to move forward with the portion over the Fairways of Halfmoon, stop for the winter and get back in before the golf course re-opens. Mr. Kemper thanked Mr. Dorsey for all of the work he has put in to this project.

Mr. Kemper said that regarding the Champlain Canalway trail in the Town of Waterford, there will be another resolution this month to authorize a contract with Clough Harbor Associates for the bid opening and site inspection. Construction may begin in late October or early Spring 2019.

Mr. Kemper said that an update on previously awarded projects was done a few months ago. Currently there are still 3 projects open.

2015 City of Saratoga Springs – Planning Department is actively working with the City and there are no issues with this project.

2016 Village/Town of Corinth – the Planning Department has been assured that this project is moving forward, although slower than originally anticipated.

2015 Town of Clifton Park – Mr. Kemper said that the project was awarded in 2015 and he has not been able to get a status update. Mr. Kemper said that Town staff informed him today via email that the project will not be moving forward. Mr. Kemper said that the staff member will probably be sending a memo to the Town Board to advise them that the funds should be vacated and made available to another project. They can re-apply if the project comes back.

On a motion was made by Mr. Veitch seconded by Mr. Smith approving the 2018 County Trails Grant funding.

A detailed report of all grant applications was previously distributed via email to the committee members. Ms. Hargrave said that there are 8 grant applications totaling \$69,083.18. Currently there is \$50,000 in the budget towards funding these requests which is approximately 72% of the total requests. Mr. Richardson said that if the Town of Clifton Park decide to vacate their \$12,500 grant from 2015, then the additional funds can be put towards this year's applications. The committee agreed. The additional funds would bring the % of funding up to approximately 90%.

After review and discussion, it was decided to award the applications at a 72% level of the request however if the Clifton Park grant funds become available the level will be increased to 90%.

Municipality	Request	72.38% Funding Level	90.47% Funding Level
Town of Charlton	\$5,000.00	\$3,619	\$4,524
Town of Edinburg	\$9,095.68	\$6,583	\$8,229
Town of Halfmoon	\$10,000.00	\$7,238	\$9,047
Town of Malta	\$4,987.50	\$3,610	\$4,512
City of Mechanicville	\$10,000.00	\$7,238	\$9,047
City of Saratoga Springs	\$10,000.00	\$7,238	\$9,047
Town of Saratoga	\$10,000.00	\$7,238	\$9,047
Town of Wilton	\$10,000.00	\$7,238	\$9,047

Mr. Kemper said that Mr. Dorsey will need official notification from the Town of Clifton Park in order to vacate the grant. Mr. Kemper said that he has notification from Town of Clifton Park staff but not elected officials. It was decided to wait 30 days to decide what level of funding each municipality will receive and then bring the final amount back to the full Board for approval.

A discussion took place regarding potential signage along the Zim Smith Trail to help direct trail users to municipalities along the route trail. Mr. Richardson said that a report showed that over 100K people visit the trail annually.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Veitch the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
 Therese Connolly
 Deputy Clerk of the Board