

Economic Development Committee Minutes  
January 8, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Phil Barrett; Committee Members Art Johnson, Todd Kusnierz, Jack Lawler, Tom Richardson, Tim Szczepaniak, Matt Veitch; Supervisors Tara Gaston, Alan Grattidge, Mo Wright and Chairman of the Board Kevin Tollisen; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Planning; Press.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Barrett said that the regular meeting day and time will remain the same as last year.

**On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Lawler, the minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Barrett announced the appointment of Mr. Kusnierz as the Committee Vice-Chair.

Mr. Kemper previously distributed a memo to the Committee via email.

**A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Lawler, to authorize a contract with HMA Contracting Corporation for construction services associated with a portion of the Champlain Canal Trail and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

MR. Kemper said that the County is managing this project for the Town of Waterford with a grant from the Hudson River Greenway. The bids were opened on December 13, 2018. A total of 10 bids were received ranging from \$319,250.00 to \$479,250. HMA Contracting was the low bidder. The item is 100% grant funded. Mr. Barrett said that the continued expansion of the trail network is a great investment throughout the County.

Mr. Richardson said that he met this morning with the Champlain Canalway Trail Committee. They have portions of a 67-mile trail from Waterford to Whitehall completed, under construction and in planning. The Trail should be fully completed over the next two years.

Mr. Kemper said that they have started clearing on the Zim Smith Trail in the Town of Halfmoon. The favorable weather has allowed them to begin clearing ahead of schedule.

**A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Kusnierz, to set a date and time for a public hearing for amendments to Saratoga County Agricultural District #2 to be held February 13, 2019 at 4:25 pm. Unanimous.**

Mr. Kemper said that the annual review for inclusion into the Agricultural district takes place between October 1 and October 31 each year. A listing of the petitions with maps was included in Mr. Kemper's memo. The Saratoga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board reviewed and approved each petition on November 11, 2018. The formal approval by the Board will take place at the Board meeting in February. The petitions are as follows:

Peter Brooks, Town of Malta, 25.92 acres

Barbara Lee Jensen, Town of Clifton Park, 13 acres

Janes Van Dyk, Town of Greenfield, two parcels totaling 67.5 acres

Karen Wadsworth and James Gamble, Town of Greenfield, two parcels totaling 49.37 acres

Locust Swing, LLC (Karen Wadsworth and James Gamble), Town of Greenfield, 3.11 acres

Estate of Mary Ann Wadsworth, Town of Greenfield, 32.45 acres

Mr. Barrett congratulated all of the municipalities that were awarded Farmland Protection Grants recently. Mr. Barrett said that the Town of Clifton Park is very happy with theirs which borders the Town of Ballston, this is the fourth farm they were able to preserve in the Town of Clifton Park.

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to authorize a budget amendment to re-appropriate unspent funds for a Planning Department capital project. Unanimous.**

Mr. Kemper said that in 2018 a contract for \$45K was awarded to CHA for services associated with the Champlain Canal Trail in the Town of Waterford. At this point approximately \$3K of those funds have been spent. The remaining \$42K of funds will be moved from the 2018 to the 2019 budget to complete the project.

Mr. Barrett requested an update from Mr. Kemper to the committee regarding the balance in the Open Space Reserve Fund. Mr. Kemper will email the committee and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Barrett said that for this year's Economic Development Committee, he expects the committee to play a large role in moving economic development forward in the County, not only directly with businesses but with community projects that may need assistance. Providing assistance to benefit any individual municipality in a project they may be working on, whether non-profit or business, and to use any available assets or resources to do so. Mr. Barrett said that he will be inviting Mr. Vanags and any members from the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership that wish to attend to next month's meeting.

**On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Richardson, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board