

Trails Committee Minutes
November 4, 2019 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Richardson; Committee members Preston Allen, Devin DalPos, Jason Kemper, Michael Smith, Matt Veitch and Tom Wood; Jeffrey Williams, Planning; Supervisor Tara Gaston. Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Smith the minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Kemper gave a brief update on the Zim Smith Trail. There was some damage last week due to the rain, they are re-stabilizing some slopes and grass will be planted next spring. The entire trail from Elizabeth Street to Coons Crossing has binder. The section from Elizabeth Street to just below Sweeney's has top course also. From Coons back to Sweeney has binder only as a pre-fab fiberglass bridge is going in. The parking lot at Coons Crossing is installed, bathroom hooked up. The railroad crossing will be done in spring. A decision was made this summer with the Sewer district. Rather than paving part of the trail now where the Sewer District is currently conducting work, they will wait until after the job is completed first thing in Spring. Mr. Kemper said that he has received a lot of positive feedback regarding the Round Lake parking lot. Mr. Kemper said that he will be bringing an item to Economic Development later this week. They would like to install a storage shed for equipment for the trail that currently has to be transported from the DPW garage. Mr. Floud has agreed to donate the land needed for this project.

Mr. Kemper distributed copies of maps of two county forestland parcels and gave an update. The north and south sites in the Town of Wilton, off site mitigation for the airport project is being done. It recently went out to bid and will generate approximately \$135K in revenue for the County. The mitigation areas will have the trees removed and will be replanted with grass species for the endangered species. There is a tight window, they will begin cutting in December and should be completed by March so that the project can keep on schedule. Mr. Kemper said that they have not had any issues with neighbors. He would like to get in and out and have the project completed as quickly as possible.

Mr. Williams distributed a chart outlining the outstanding Saratoga County trail grant applications and Mr. Kemper gave a brief overview. A copy of the handout is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Kemper said that the City of Saratoga Springs is requesting a change in the scope of work on their 2015 Crescent Avenue Trail project. They did not received CFA funding and would now like to put the county funding toward the design of the project rather than construction. Mr. Kemper said that Mr. Dorsey reviewed the original resolution and changing the scope in the contract will not require board approval. There were no objections from the Committee and Mr. Kemper was instructed to proceed with the change.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Wood, committee approval to change the scope of work for the 2018 Town of Malta Raylinski Road Trail grant project. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper distributed a map of the project. Mr. Kemper said that the 2018 trail grant for the Town of Malta was to create 250ft of sidewalk to fill in a gap along Raylinsky Road and install a pedestrian crosswalk at the northern end of Raylinski and Evans Road. The applicant had right of way issues and concerns from residents. They are now requesting to change the scope of work, not constructing a sidewalk but instead creating three crosswalks vs. one. The project cost is significantly higher however, the Town of Malta is not requesting any additional funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Smith, approving the 2019 County Trails Grant Funding. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper distributed a handout outlining the applications, the handout is attached to these minutes. The current Trails Reserve Account balance is approximately \$102,619, total outstanding projects are \$84,083 therefore the total balance not committed to previously approved projects is approximately \$18,535. There is \$50K in the 2019 budget. The 2019 requests total \$92,022, and the available funding would cover each request at approximately 74%. Mr. Kemper said that he contacted each Town to see if any of the projects would come off the table with this level of funding, no projects would come off the table. Mr. DalPos inquired as to how the additional \$24K of funding could be requested in order to fully fund each of the projects. Mr. Veitch said that it would need to go through the committee process. Mr. Veitch said that they had a similar situation last year and the projects were eventually fully funded. Last year's shortfall was approximately \$18K. Mr. Richardson confirmed that there were more applications this year also. Mr. Veitch said that in the past the trails account was funded as much as \$150K. Mr. Smith said that he has received several requests for more trails in his municipality. Mr. Richardson said that he would like to request that an additional \$24K be added to the budget via the Economic Development Committee. If the additional \$24K is not approved, then the grant applications would be funded at 74%. Mr. Veitch said that the problem is that there is not enough money budgeted annually. Mr. Richardson said that he will also request at the Economic Development committee meeting that the funding for 2020 be increased from \$50K to \$75K. Mr. Allen agreed and said that everyone is now into walking, biking, trails etc. Mr. Richardson said that trails are also an incentive for people to move to Saratoga County. Mr. Richardson and Mr. Veitch said that they will reach out to Supervisor Barrett regarding these requests.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board

OUTSTANDING SARATOGA COUNTY TRAIL GRANT APPLICATION STATUS REPORT-SEPTEMBER 10, 2019							
YEAR	Municipality	Project Name	County Grant	Total Project Cost	Description	Additional notes	Status
2015	Town of Clifton Park	Aspenwood Hayes Trail	\$12,500	\$40,400	600 ft multi-use pathway between existing, multiple neighborhoods in the Stony Creek Park area. Plus 200 ft of boardwalk		Applicant will need to complete this project first as it is a condition of the Town of Clifton Park's 2019 Open Space Grant award being released.
2015	City of Saratoga Springs	Crescent Avenue Trail	\$12,500	\$340,000	a 8ft wide, one mile long trail that runs parallel to Crescent Avenue between Route 9 and Nelson Avenue		Applicant did not receive CFA Recreational Trail funding. Pursuing a change of scope from construction of the trail to a feasibility study of the proposed trail.
2018	Town of Charlton	Gideon Hawley Park Trail	\$5,000	\$10,000	a proposed tail to link the Town Hall sidewalk system to the Gideon Hawley Park		Construction is completed. Waiting for reimbursement request
2018	Town of Edinburg	Town Hall Nature Trail	\$9,095.68	\$18,191	3,000 lf of bulkwood fiber to surface the trail on Town Hall property.		Construction is completed. Waiting for reimbursement request
2018	Town of Halfmoon	Vosburgh Road Preserve	\$10,000	\$20,000	2.18 miles of trails proposed on Town owned lands		Contract Executed. Town has NYSDEC wetland disturbance permit and is working on obtaining the ACOE wetland permit with assistance by a hired consultant.
2018	Town of Malta	Raylinski Road Trail	\$4,987.50	\$9,975.00	250 ft of sidewalk to fill in a gap along Raylinsky Road		Contract Executed. The applicant has had difficulties between ROW issues and resident concerns of extending the sidewalk along Raylinsky Road. Proposed change of scope of placing two crosswalks with compliant signage North and South of the intersection.
2018	City of Mechanicville	Zim Smith Connection	\$10,000	\$20,000	1.5 miles of stonedust trail to connect the Zim Smith		Work is 50% completed.
2018	City of Saratoga Springs	Bog Meadow Trail	\$10,000	\$40,000	Construction of a 45 ft long bridge over Bog Meadow that will allow Bog Meadow Trail and Saratoga Greenbelt Trail to continue easterly to a "to be constructed" trail system.		Contract Executed. Applicant has received only one quote at the time of the RFQ period and it was significantly higher than projected cost.
2018	Town of Saratoga	Sword Surrender March Trail	\$10,000	\$30,000	0.3 mile of trail plus a trailhead and parking area for Champlain Canal Trail and Empire State Trail system.		Construction is completed. Waiting for reimbursement request

2019 Saratoga County Trail Grant Program

Municipality	Project Name	SBL #	Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Request	Proposed 74% reduction	Outside Funding Source	Notes
Town of Charlton	Elmer Smith Park Trail	246.-4-18	A proposed 1,500 l.f., 8 ft wide, stone dust trail that traverses the perimeter of the Town's 16-acre park with a trail spur to a historical cemetery.	\$ 19,820.00	\$ 9,820.00	\$ 7,266.80	In-Kind labor of \$10,000	
Town of Edinburg	Town Walking & Nature Trail	67.-2-18	Proposed purchase of engineered wood fiber to surface 3,000 l.f. of the Town's recreation and nature trail.	\$ 18,191.36	\$ 9,095.68	\$ 6,730.80	In Kind Services	
Town of Galway	Carpenter, Rhodes, Milton Trail	186.-2-47.11 200.-1-101	A proposed 2.5 mi. trail through a 156-acre, ecologically diverse property that connects CR 45 and Old Mill Rd. with a looping trail system	\$ 395,338.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,400.00	Saratoga PLAN sponsor	
Town of Galway/Providence	Barkersville Trail	173.-1-31.1 173.-1-31.2 160.-2-27	A proposed double loop trail system on a 168-acre parcel that contains two tributaries to the Kayderosseras Creek. (Horseback and hiking).	\$ 502,945.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,400.00	Saratoga PLAN sponsor	
Town of Halfmoon	Crescent Park Trail	285.1-1-46.1	A proposal to resurface 1,000 l.f. of the existing trail with asphalt. The trail extends from Canal Road along the Mohawk R. to the Crescent Bridge.	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,400.00	Town match & In Kind Services	
Town of Malta	Malta Nature Preserve Trail	217.-2-52.2	A proposal to rehabilitate the existing nature trail with the purchase of 260 ton of crusher run.	\$ 6,756.42	\$ 3,107.00	\$ 2,299.18	In Kind Services	
Town of Milton	Milton Trail Master Plan	175.-2-41.2 188.-1-121 190.-7-5 190.10-4-11 215.-1-32.2	A proposed feasibility study to plan a connecting trail network with Milton's parkland and with the Village of Ballston Spa.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,400.00	Town match	
Town of Moreau	Scenic Hudson River By-way Trail	63.-1-8 63.-1-46 63.-1-7	A proposed trail along the Hudson R. between Nolan Rd. and Old Bend Rd. for walking and biking. There are several future trail connection possibilities.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,400.00	In Kind Services	
Town of Stillwater, Saratoga, Northumberland and City of Mechanicville	Champlain Canal Trail Development and Implementation Plan	TBD	A proposed feasibility study to look into the gaps in the Champlain Canal Trail system within the represented municipalities and ascertain needed resources to complete the work.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,400.00	In-Kind pro bono LA Group	
Town of Wilton	Delegan Pond Footbridge	128.-1-7.12	A proposed planning and construction of the delapidated footbridge that offers user "off road" scenic view of the pond and fishing access.	\$ 36,640.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,400.00	In-Kind Services	
Totals				\$ 1,064,690.70	\$ 92,022.68	\$ 68,096.78		

2019 Grant allotment: **\$50,000**
Reserve Account: **\$18,535.44** (9/5/19)