

TRAILS & OPEN SPACE Transcript 3/3/2021

SPEAKERS

Mo Wright, Phil Barrett, Jeff Williams, Jason Kemper, Benny Zlotnick, Kevin Tollisen, Several Supervisors, Tom Richardson

Kevin Tollisen

All right. Welcome to the Trails and Open Space Committee meeting. Attendance has been taken. I think we have just enough. Can I have approval of the minutes of the February 3 2021 meeting?

Mo Wright

So moved

Kevin Tollisen

Supervisor Wright second? Supervisor Barrett. All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Kevin Tollisen

Opposed? Motion is carried. Alright, Jason, we are glad that you are here with us. And we are glad that you're home and recuperating. But we're so glad that you're doing okay. And our prayers are with you, my friend. But I understand you are with us and you wish to do the speaking today. So I'm going to open it up to you, Jason.

Jason Kemper

First of all, Chairman, thank you for the thoughts, many thoughts to the staff, Supervisors, and especially Steve for keeping in constant contact with me and I'm glad to be back and I'll be there in person as soon as I can. So now on to business. The first project, I'll just mention the whole project and then we can take the resolution separately. The Planning Department began working down in the Town of Halfmoon, Waterford, and Mechanicville in 2012 on the Champlain Canalway trail. We worked with them behind Momentive on that section of trail. That project was completed in 2019. About two weeks ago, Andy Beers from the Hudson River Valley Greenway reached out to me, and they would like us to manage another section of trail construction as part of the Champlain Canalway trail. So this will go from Broad Street in the Village of Waterford, north approximately 1.2 miles to the terminus of the current project that we had already completed. It's \$210,000 100% State funded, they're looking at us to manage this section of trail, get it designed, go out to bid, and ultimately construction. I'm hoping that it'll be all completed in 2021. It's a little different than the last project. It's a rehab, so we're going to be cutting the brush back rehabilitating the surface, cleaning up the signage and all that so it's not as detailed as the last project. You'll see that the budget is only \$210,000 for design and construction. We will need a budget amendment to recognize the revenues and make the necessary adjustment for the

expenses. Like I said, it's \$210,000 100% State aid. The second Resolution will be with Clough Harbor and Associates. They work closely with the Hudson River Valley Greenway on the other sections of the trail. They've also worked on this section, and it was recommended we use them to get this project completed as quickly as possible, and hopefully get it done this construction season. So the second revolution will be a major contract with Clough Harbor and Associates for a fee not to exceed \$35,000. That will include all the upfront work, design bid prep, bid analysis, bid recommendation, and then obviously, follow up and construction inspection. So this was also part of the original 210,000 and will be fully State Aid. You should have a map in front of you, which shows the current limits of the project, starting on Broad Street and traveling east 1.2 miles.

Kevin Tollisen

Any questions for Jason on this? Let's take these resolutions one at a time. The first one is to authorize Saratoga County to act as project manager for the construction of this additional 1.2 miles in the Town and Village of Waterford and it includes a budget amendment in the amount of \$210,000, but there is a 100% State reimbursement. Does that sound characterized correctly. Is there a motion for that?

Phil Barrett

So moved

Tom Richardson

This is Tom Kevin. I'll make the motion.

Kevin Tollisen

Right, Tom? I'll take your second as a second.

Tom Richardson

Okay.

Kevin Tollisen

Is that okay?

Tom Richardson

Yeah, that's great.

Kevin Tollisen

Any further discussion? On favor?

Benny Zlotnick

This is just for the record. I just want everybody know that Supervisors Zlotnick is her on the phone. That's all.

Kevin Tollisen

Right. Thank you, supervisor. All right and Supervisor do you have any questions on what Jason presenting?

Benny Zlotnick

No.

Kevin Tollisen

Okay, awesome. All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Kevin Tollisen

Any opposed? Motion's carried. And then the second resolution authorizing a contract with CHA for bid coordination oversight services in the not to exceed amount of \$35,000. Could I have a motion for that?

Benny Zlotnick

So moved Zlotnick.

Kevin Tollisen

Supervisor Zlotnick, is there a second?

Phil Barrett

Second.

Kevin Tollisen

Supervisor Barrett, any further discussion? All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Kevin Tollisen

Any opposed? Motion carried. Next is other business. Does anyone have any items for other business? I think I have one. Jason, I don't want to put you on the spot, Jason. But if you can tell us. I know there's a sewer project that's going to be on the Zim Smith trail this year, and I actually have had a few people who, I don't know how they know about it, but they're like, really passionate Zim Smith trailers. So Jason, with this project that's coming, is this going to affect closure of the Zim Smith trail? Or will that not be affected by this big sewer project that's coming? If you can tell us if you know.

Jason Kemper

I can tell you what I know. Chairman. You'll remember last year, the Sewer district worked from Round Lake south to Coons Crossing, there was a trail closure at that time, a significant trail closer, as part of that project. Basically, they have to remove every other manhole to do the relining project. So I anticipate significant closures in the Zim when they do the relining project. And I wasn't expecting but I could absolutely reach out to Dan and try to see, the last time I spoke with Dan from the Sewer district they were preparing their specifications to go out to bid. So I will circle back with Dan and see where

we're at with that. But, with the magnitude of the work there will be definitely significant sections of the Zim from Round Lake all the way to Curtis Industrial Park that will definitely be closed during construction.

Kevin Tollisen

Alright, so I guess just a follow up on that issue. If we have significant closures if there's any effect to Zim Smith, since we spent so much money on it, we want to make sure that there's full restoration when that's completed. Does that make sense?

Jason Kemper

It does, especially if it's coming from the Supervisors. I will circle back with Dan. There was partial restoration with the last project in the Sewer district, there was significant damage, the Sewer district did step up, and ended up doing some change orders and fully restored that section of the Zim, but I can, I can circle back with Dan and see what's in the bid. If they're done with a bid and then just sort of discuss what the restoration efforts. I have not spoken with him. Last I knew they were preparing the bid.

Kevin Tollisen

Alright, so I mean, for myself, and I think the rest of the Committee, I mean, we spent a lot of money on this Zim Smith. It's a complete positive wonderful thing for our County. And I think we need to make sure that that, obviously is full restoration. I'm sure Dan will do that. But I think have that conversation with him, just to make sure would be a positive thing. In whatever bid process there is.

Jason Kemper

Yeah, I could absolutely do that. My one concern would be with any construction, this section right around Shenantaha Park, that's been down well over 20 years. That's the oldest section of the Zim Smith trail, and has never been restored. So my concern would be, any significant construction in that area, it's going to be difficult to avoid damage to that trail.

Kevin Tollisen

I am sure. I'm not going to speak for the Supervisor in Malta, but I'm sure he's going to want the same as what all of us want, and just make sure it's restored properly.

Jason Kemper

Yeah, I can I will follow up with Dan from the Sewer district. And I think this project will be difficult because we do have, we do have a lot of Zim Smith trail users now, much more than we ever have in the past.

Jason Kemper

Awesome. The only other thing I had was at last meeting, we handed out some of the information on the upcoming grant programs for this year. Did you get any feedback from anyone Jason on that?

Jason Kemper

I did not, those are out on the street and will anticipate in getting those back, and I don't know if Jeff is there. I think we can give a quick update on, I believe we've closed a couple since the last meeting. Is Jeff there?

Kevin Tollisen

Yeah, he's here.

Jason Kemper

I believe we've closed a couple of projects, so he could just mention those quickly.

Kevin Tollisen

We're putting him on the spot too.

Jeff Williams

So we closed on a 2015 City of Saratoga Springs trail grant for \$12,500. That was for a feasibility study for the Crescent Avenue trail between Route 9 and Nelson Avenue. So that was closed on January 8 of this year. We also closed on a 2019 Town of Charlton trail grant. The Elmer Smith Park trail for \$9,820, and that was closed on February 24 of this year. So those two are completed and off of our books.

Kevin Tollisen

That's good news. All right. Very good. Thank you, Jeff. Anyone else have anything? Don't mean to monopolize the time. All right. Awesome. There's nothing else. Jason, thank you again, and feel better. Get well. Jeff, thank you and a motion to adjourn, please?

Mo Wright

So moved.

Phil Barrett

Second.

Kevin Tollisen

Mr. Barrett, all in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye

Kevin Tollisen

Have a good afternoon everyone.