

Trails & Open Space Committee Minutes
March 3, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kevin Tollisen; Committee Members Phil Barrett, Tom Richardson, Mo Wright, Benny Zlotnick; Supervisor John Lant; Steve Bulger, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden, County Administrator; Hugh Burke, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Jeff Williams, Planning.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to authorize Saratoga County to act as Project Manager for the construction for the Champlain Canalway Trail in the Town/Village of Waterford. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said that the Planning Department began working in the Town of Halfmoon, Waterford, and Mechanicville in 2012 on the Champlain Canalway trail. That project was completed in 2019. About two weeks ago, Andy Beers from the Hudson River Valley Greenway reached out to Mr. Kemper and said that they would like the County to manage another section of trail construction as part of the Champlain Canalway trail. This will go from Broad Street in the Village of Waterford, north approximately 1.2 miles, to the terminus of the current project that was already completed. It's \$210,000 and 100% State funded. This will entail managing this section of trail, get it designed, go out to bid, and ultimately construction. It's anticipated to be completed in 2021. It is a rehab project, cutting the brush back, rehabilitating the surface, cleaning up the signage, and not as detailed as the last project. The budget is only \$210,000 for design and construction. A budget amendment will be necessary to recognize the revenues and expenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Zlotnick, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize a contract with CHA for bid coordination construction oversight services for the Champlain Canalway Trail. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said that the agreement with Clough Harbor and Associates will be in an amount not to exceed \$35,000. This will include all the upfront work, design bid prep, bid analysis, bid recommendation, follow up, and construction inspection.

Mr. Tollisen said that he is aware of a Sewer project scheduled on the Zim Smith trail this year and asked Mr. Kemper if this will affect closure of the trail. Mr. Kemper said that he anticipates significant closures in the Zim when they do the relining project. Mr. Tollisen expressed concern over this project on the trail and said that the County must ensure there is full restoration of the trail by the Sewer District once the project is completed. Mr. Kemper said that he will follow up with Mr. Rourke from the Sewer District.

Mr. Williams gave a brief update on the Trail Grant program. A \$12,500 grant from 2015 in the City of Saratoga Springs was closed and a \$9,820 grant from 2019 in the Town of Charlton was closed.

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board