

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

Present: Chairman Kevin Tollisen; Committee Members Phil Barrett, Tom Richardson, Mo Wright, Benny Zlotnick; Supervisors Matt Veitch, Tara Gaston; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, Michael Naughton, 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. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Zlotnick, the minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to adopt a Saratoga County Bike Route Map. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said this project was started in 2018 with a number of bicycling groups around the county and Supervisor Veitch and after a few years and the pandemic a bike route map was agreed upon. This project has incurred no costs. Mr. Kemper said DPW will start signing the routes around the County and this will also allow them to increase shoulder widths and add bike lanes on future road projects. Mr. Tollisen thanked Mr. Veitch for his efforts on the project.

Community Forest Project Update

Mr. Kemper said he is working with County Attorney Naughton on drafting a Memorandum of Agreement to have in front of the Board next month. Mr. Kemper said they received a US Forest Services grant of \$391,000 and they've tentatively agreed to allocate up to \$120,000 in the unallocated Open Space Reserve Fund.

County Forestland/Zim Smith Trail Updates

Mr. Kemper thanked DPW for significant improvements to the Loudon Road parking lot and provided an overview of County Forestland and Zim Smith Trail project updates. Mr. Barrett inquired about the fencing on the Zim Smith Trail and asked if they have people to let them know when issues come up. Mr. Kemper said he is usually informed very quickly. Mr. Bulger asked if vandalism of County signs is a real issue and Mr. Kemper said it has been.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Rider
Deputy Clerk of the Board