

Trails & Open Space Committee Minutes
August 4, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Joe Grasso; Committee Members Eric Connolly, Kevin Tollisen and Matt Veitch; Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Stephanie Hodgson, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Planning & Economic Development.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Connolly, the minutes of the July 7, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Kemper gave an update on County Forestland and County Grant Updates. There are currently 5 pending Open Space/Farmland Protection projects and 16 pending Trail Projects being administered by the Planning Department. Discussions are ongoing with NYS Parks, Town of Moreau and the connection between Moreau Lake State Park and County Forestland.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to authorize the Chair of the Board to enter into the necessary agreements to apply for, accept and administer a Snowmobile Grant-In-Aid Program Grant. Unanimous.

This is an annual agreement, pass through funds from NYS to the Saratoga County Association of Snowmobile Clubs, who then disperses the funds out to the five individual clubs in the County for trail maintenance.

Discussion took place regarding Snowmobile trails reroutes when land ownership changes.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Connolly, to authorize the implementation, and funding in the first instance of 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid eligible costs, of a transportation Federal-Aid Project, appropriating funds therefor, and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

This grant is in the amount of \$500K with a \$100K County match, funds are in the Zim Smith trail budget. Mr. Kemper presented the item, distributed a map and gave a brief overview of the status of the current Zim Smith Trail grants. Discussion ensued regarding the various options for certain segments of the trail.

Mr. Connolly gave brief updates on trail projects in the Town of Ballston.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Clerk of the Board