Trails & Open Space Committee Minutes April 5, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Joe Grasso; Committee Members Eric Connolly, Matthew Veitch.

Absent: Tara Gaston, Ed Kinowski.

Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Stephanie Hodgson, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michelle

Granger, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Kim Lambert, Planning.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Connolly, the minutes of the February 8, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to authorize the transfer of funds from the Trails Reserve Fund and amending the 2023 County Budget. Unanimous. The transfer is in the amount of \$67,651.80. Mr. Kemper gave a brief overview of the current trails projects.

Mr. Kemper provided an update on projects as provided with the agenda back up. Open Space/Farmland Protection, pending trail projects, Graphite Range Community Forest project and the Zim Smith Trail.

Mr. Connolly gave an update on the Champlain Hudson Power Authority project in the Town of Ballston. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kemper reported that the fish have been ordered for the fish stocking and activities will initiate by next month.

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

Respectfully submitted, Therese M. Connolly Clerk of the Board