

Trails & Open Space Committee Minutes
June 7, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Tara Gaston, Ed Kinowski.

Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, County Administrator; Jason Kemper, Jeff Williams, Kim Lambert, Planning.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the minutes of the May 3, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Connolly, to amend Resolution 378-2022 for the Greenfield 2022 Open Space Grant. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper reported that the project cost came in lower than anticipated, the previous grant resolution will be amended to match the new project cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to authorize the transfer of funds from the Open Space Reserve Fund for the Town of Greenfield 2022 Open Space Grant. Unanimous.

The transfer is to fund the grant from the previous item.

Mr. Kemper provided a brief update on County grant projects, Graphite Range Community Forest Project, Zim Smith Trail North, Fish Stocking, Timber Harvest, and Planning & Economic Development Department activities. Discussion ensued. Mr. Bulger reported that they will be working to get a page on the County website dedicated to Trails.

Mr. Kemper reported that Trail Grant applications are due June 30 and Farm Protection and Open Space Grant applications are due July 28. Discussion ensued. Mr. Grasso requested that Mr. Kemper provide a detailed update on all pending open space and trails projects at the next meeting prior to taking action on the next round.

Mr. Connolly reported that he will be meeting on July 11th with the Champlain Hudson Power Express to do a walkthrough of their project in the Town of Ballston. Discussion ensued.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Connolly

Clerk of the Board