

Trails & Open Space Committee

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 4PM 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Chairman Joe Grasso; Committee Members Eric Connolly, Ed Kinowski, Michele Madigan, Matthew Veitch.

Supervisor Cynthia Young; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Christine Rush, County Administrator; George Conway, Samantha Kupferman, County Attorney; Jeff Williams, Kim Planning.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Ms. Madigan, the minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Madigan, seconded by Mr. Connolly, to authorize the transfer of funds from the Trails Reserve Fund and amending the 2024 County Budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

This transfer is in the amount of \$10,000 for a project in the City of Mechanicville.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Kinowski, to authorize amend the 2024 county budget. Unanimous.

Related to the previous item, this budget amendment is in the amount of \$10,000.

Mr. Williams provided an update on pending Open Space/farmland Protection projects, pending Trails grants, Trails grant applications, County Forestland, and Farmland and Open Space grant applications. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Grasso announced that he and Ms. Madigan will be on a subcommittee to review the 2024 Farmland and Open Space grant applications before they are reviewed by the entire committee. Discussion took place regarding the criteria on which the applications will be evaluated.

Mr. Grasson provided an update on the County Trails Map.

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

Respectfully submitted, Bridget Rider Deputy Clerk of the Board