



Trails & Open Space Committee

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 4PM
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

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

Absent: Eric Connolly

Chairman of the Board Philip Barrett; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, County Administrator; George Conway, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Kimberly Lambert, Planning & Economic Development; Shashank Salgam, Town of Clifton Park intern.

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

On a motion made by Ms. Madigan, seconded by Mr. Kinowski, the minutes of the June 5, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

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

This will allow for the reimbursement of a 2023 Town of Malta grant in the amount of \$10,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to award 2024 Trails Grants. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper gave a brief overview of the 15 requests totaling \$148,000. Discussion took place regarding Towns and Villages combining projects. One of the grant requests is for basketball court refurbishing. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kemper will note for the 2025 application review to tighten up the application guidelines.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Kinowski, to authorize the necessary agreements to apply for, accept and administer a New York State Snowmobile Grant in Aid Program Grant. Unanimous.

These are pass through NYS funds. There are currently 180 miles of State funded trails in Saratoga County. Discussion ensued.

Updates

Mr. Kemper provided brief updates regarding Open Space/Farmland Protection projects, Trail projects, County Forestland, and the Zim Smith Trail as provided with the agenda.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Connolly, Clerk of the Board