Trails & Open Space Committee

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 4PM

40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Chairman Joe Grasso; Committee Members Dave Ball, Michael Gyarmathy, Ram Lalukota, Scott Ostrander, Minita Sanghvi.
Absent: Ed Kinowski
Supervisor Ian Murray; Chairman of the Board Philip Barrett; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Christine Rush, County Administrator; George Conway, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Planning; Jennifer Hunt Dempsey, Saratoga Trails Alliance.

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

On a motion made by Supervisor Sanghvi, seconded by Supervisor Lalukota, the minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting were approved unanimously.

Jason Kemper, Director of Planning provided updates on the following topics as provided with the agenda. Agricultural District, Farmland/Open Space grant, Trails grant, Graphite Range Community Forest, Saratoga County fish stocking, County Forestland timber harvest, DEC - Karner Blue & Frosted Elfin butterflies, Zim Smith Trail usage report. Discussion ensued.

Jennifer Hunt Dempsey, Executive Director of the Saratoga Trails Alliance provided an update on their mission and upcoming activities. Discussion ensued.

On a motion made by Supervisor Sanghvi, seconded by Supervisor Lalukota, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Connolly, Clerk of the Board