



Trails & Open Space Committee

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4PM
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

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

Chairman of the Board Phil Barrett; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Stephanie Hodgson, Renee Law, Christine Rush, County Administrator; George Conway, County Attorney; 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. Kinowski, seconded by Ms. Madigan, the minutes of the April 3, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

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

The amount is \$10,000 to pay for the reimbursement of a 2023 grant to the Town of Clifton Park.

Planning & Economic Development Department Updates

Mr. Kemper provided an update on outstanding grants. The 2024 Trail Grant applications are due June 28, 2024. Fish stocking events are ongoing.

The Planning & Economic Development department are in discussions to connect the NYS Parks Property to County Forestland and Moreau Lake State Park.

Discussion took place regarding the County Fish Stocking Program, the 2024 Farmland Protection and Open Space grants, the official grand opening of the Graphite Range Community Forest, and the Zim Smith Trail.

Mr. Grasso reported that he, Mr. Kemper and Mr. Connolly recently attended a meeting with representatives from the Town of Glenville to discuss potentially connecting the Saratoga County with the Town of Glenville, Schenectady County Trails.

Mr. Connolly suggested adding a standing agenda item regarding County Bike trails and coordination with DPW to include widening County Roads being rehabilitated to accommodate bike trails. Discussion ensued.

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