



# Trails & Open Space Committee

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 4PM  
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

## Minutes

Present: Chairman Joe Grasso; Committee Members Eric Connolly, Ed Kinowski, Matthew Veitch  
Absent: Michele Madigan  
Ridge Harris, Renee Law, Audra Hedden, County Administrator; George Conway, Samantha Kupferman, Jenny Marcotte, Ryan Plumadore, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Kimberly Lambert, Jeff Williams, Planning.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Kinowski, the minutes of the May 8, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Kemper provided updates on Farmland Protection and Open Space Grants and projects, County Forestland, Zim Smith Trail and County Fish stocking as distributed with the agenda. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Grasso provided a brief update on the Open Space Grant budget. Five applications were received this year with a total funding request of a little over \$1.3M. A sub-committee consisting of Supervisors Grasso and Madigan was created to review the applications. The sub-committee is recommending the following projects and funding which would require a transfer of approximately \$200K from the Reserve account.

Kropp-Rowson Open Space Protection project, Town of Moreau in the amount of \$38,000

Tanner Ridge Farm project, Town of Stillwater in the amount of \$183,000

Butler Farm project, Town of Northumberland in the amount of \$383,000

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Connolly, to authorize the Open Space Grant funding recommendations of the Sub Committee. The motion passed. Mr. Kinowski recused himself from the vote.**

Discussion took place regarding funding of future projects.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese M. Connolly, Clerk of the Board

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