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Trails Committee

DRAFT Meeting Notes

November 15, 2011

Saratoga County Planning Office

Assignments in green – *follow ups in italics*

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| Bob Bryant | Saratoga County Snowmobile Club |
| Peter Faith | Saratoga Springs, GPI, Saratoga PLAN |
| Peter Iskenderian | OPRHP, Moreau Lake Park Mgr |
| Jason Kemper | Saratoga County Planning |
| Henrietta O'Grady | Halfmoon |
| Scott Miller | Ballston |
| Mary Ann Morgan | Milton, Equine |
| Susan Olsen | NYS DOT, Region 1 |
| Jim Ruhl | Clifton Park |
| Julie Stokes | Saratoga PLAN |

County Supervisor's Trail Committee –

E. Kinowski unable to attend due to county Supervisors meeting – J Kemper covered the issues.

- Supervisor Kinowski presented the PLAN/CofC/County website of trails to the Board of Supervisors. Thanked PLAN – links to PLAN web site.
- Progress on Spruce Mt – all equipment removed – will start to work w. board to undertake transfer to DEC.
- Coons Crossing to Mechanicville – \$180k set aside – J. Kemper beginning discussions w. landowners and NYSEG at the direction of the Board.
 - County applied for \$400k to the consolidated funding to design the trail – *did not receive.*
- County forest lands – completing forestry in the Town of Moreau – 300 acres – large parking area left that will be adequate for equine use. When completed OPRHP will meet w. county and equine trail advocates to develop a comprehensive system.
- The proposed Saratoga County budget calls for increased timber harvesting over what was projected in the past. This will provide additional trail opportunities in the future.
- Trail maintenance – DPW has done an excellent job this year – keeping up w. needed cutting and clean-up. 4-H following up on Loudon Road trash and maintenance.

- 2012 budget removes all county funding for open space, farmland protection and fish stocking.

Zim Smith Trail

1. Signage – nothing new
2. Connection to Mechanicville – see above
3. Connection from Malta to the Kaydeross and Spa State Park – Need to follow-up w. Kate Maynard who attended DOT/RR meeting.
4. Clifton Park/Woods Road connection- easement available.
5. Usher Road DEC Forest (aka Peck/Ruhl Forest) Snowmobiles not allowed – discussed signage needs. J. Kemper and J. Ruhl to follow up.
6. Discussed signage in Round Lake to show connection to Zim Smith from Woods Road – J. Kemper to check.
7. Ballston Lake Connection – Confusion continues to exist! Mike Russo of Global Foundries has offered to set up meeting w. NG, PLAN representatives and Ballston Reps. Meeting held on 12/16 – will cover issues at February Trail Committee meeting.

LFTC Connection via PLAN's Malta Trolley Line – Malta's plans proceeding – need to check on estimated construction timetable. Village of Round Lake has concerns.

Power Line Corridors

Champlain-Hudson Power Express. – settlement talks proceeding – Washington County has sent resolutions requesting canal corridor use.

National Grid expanding power corridor to service LFTC PSC has approved expansion of corridor -trying to work w. National Grid on a number of potential trail projects

1. Saratoga Springs – potential parking area on National Grid lands adjacent to trail – In the city's court right now to provide detailed plan of parking area and application to NG. B. Birge lead.
2. Ballston – Outlet Road to Garret Road – See # 7 above.
3. Charlton Snowmobile Club – in contact on multiple segments. B. Bryant to check on contacts w. Oliver and Todd Curtis and let us know about potential trail use.
4. Proposed gas line extension south and west of State Farm. Request to use PLAN property for construction purposes. Could offer opportunity to create the alternative trail system to the ZS and/or loop system for ZS.

Moreau Lake State Park - Equine – Peter Iskenderian, Moreau Lake Park Mgr indicated their interest in the equine trail system. Passed out great copies of the new trail map for the park (worth going to the park and getting a copy!) Just completed acquisition of 75 acres of the Clothier Property in the town of Corinth – provides more space to route trail around the lake which is the water source for the prison. Mary Ann and Peter will meet to discuss equine trail system in cooperation with county forest lands

in Moreau. DOCS has been unwilling to discuss transfer of lands that they do not use to OPRHP. [JSS to contact Senator McDonald.](#)

Champlain Canalway Trail – (Waterford to Whitehall – 61 miles)

1. Waterford/Mechanicville connection – Looking into county ownership – suggested trail easement perhaps.
2. Dix Bridge – County applied for Consolidated Funding **RECEIVED!**
3. Fish Creek Trail – PLAN turned down federal grant – too many conditions for the amount of funding. Pursuing trail system – archeology on Brookfield property completed.
4. Stillwater – LA Group contract to develop several scenarios to connect trail through town. *Public hearing 1/31/12 at town hall.*
5. Halfmoon – Lighthouse Park opened – BATHROOMS - connection to tow path under design - GPI.
6. Tow path-Schuylerville to Lock 5 – no new info.

Hennig Preserve – PLAN volunteers designed and constructed trail 2+ miles long – waiting for connection to County Forest Lands – negotiated trail easement w. adjacent land owners (PLAN has easement on their land) which will allow access to pond.

Equine Opportunities – see above.

Spring Run Trail – see above

Spruce Mountain Fire Tower and Trail – see above

Information from Towns

- Malta –
- Clifton Park – revamping Trail and Open Space Committees.
- Halfmoon – nothing additional
- Ballston –
- Milton –
- Saratoga – Town declined funding on Champlain Canalway extension – no match.
- Galway – S. Sutch on Town Board

**The Next Meeting is in February – date to be determined
Saratoga County Planning Office - West High Street - Ballston Spa**