



Countywide Trails Initiative

MEETING SUMMARY - DRAFT

Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 4:30 pm

Saratoga County Planning Office
West High Street, Ballston Spa

Attendees: Allison Hargrave, Barbara Kerr, Jason Kemper, Jim Ruhl, William Clarke, Tina Carton, John Mitchell, Mike Horn

Issues and Discussion:

1. Funding Opportunities: Allison Hargrave stated there were no funding opportunities from the County at this time, but the Planning Department is working on applications for 2019 open space and trails grants. Barbara Kerr gave an overview of what is happening at Boyhaven – Town still has county funding to utilize if they wish to proceed with purchase – the town has formed a feasibility committee. The committee is evaluating whether or not the Town should purchase 58 acres of the property, the current owner has given them 3 months to decide. The State will purchase the whole thing, but would like the Town to take some.

2019 Goals for the County Board of Supervisors Trail Committee

1. *Zim Smith*

- a. Connecting the Zim Smith to the Champlain Canalway Trail – The City of Mechanicville has received funding for the project from the county trails grant program – expected to be completed by the end of 2019
- b. Coons Crossing to Mechanicville – Jason Kemper gave update, considerable progress has been made and is expected to be completed by November 2019
- c. Oak Street to Spa State Park connections – This should be a future priority for the county after the southern connector is completed. Tina Carton stated that the City of Saratoga Springs may be able to assist with funding
- d. Mechanicville to CCT – signage/street markings – this was part of the 2018 trails grant project awarded to the City of Mechanicville – expected to be completed end of 2019
- e. City trail near Woods Hollow to connect Milton, Ballston Spa, and Saratoga Springs/future Zim Smith Trail – no updates
- f. Segment between Village of Ballston Spa snow dump and County sewer ROW in Malta – no updates

2. *Champlain Canalway Projects*

- a. Complete the trail through Waterford and Halfmoon to Route 4 near treatment plant just south of Mechanicville
- b. Stone dust on the trail in the Town of Saratoga from near the sword surrender site south to near Garnsey Lane – Funded by 2018 county trails grant, expected to be completed by the end of 2019.

3. *Equine Trails*

- a. Moreau County Forest and Providence equine trail improvements

- i. Providence – complete the trail system with signage, trail marking, and a kiosk
- ii. Moreau- parking lot is completed, signs for the road are needed (Jason to work on that), Troy in County Planning is updating map, a formal opening is to be scheduled in the spring.

4. *Palmertown regional trail system*

- a. Participate in Master Planning Process (complete)
- b. Lincoln State Forest
 - i. Mike Horn from Saratoga PLAN gave update on progress, OSI has applied for a grant for a coordinator to the Palmertown Project – suggested having Maria Trabka or Katie Petronis come to the march meeting to give update

5. *Blueway Trails*

- a. Support designation of Kaydeross between Kelley Park and Saratoga Lake as Blueway Trail
- b. Erie-Mohawk Historic Water Trail
- c. Hudson Blueway Trail along Champlain Canal

Although no one at the meeting had any updates on this particular goal, everyone felt it was worth keeping on this list. It was suggested that we reach out to Blue Niels, Eric Hamilton of Clifton Park or the new Canal Corp. Trails Liaison (possibly Miyoko Fulleringer – Greg Redling’s wife)

Localized Goals of Trails Committee for 2018

- a. ***Boyhaven*** – development of trails and connections to Middle Grove State Forest – remains a goal, the Town of Milton is working on figuring out a path forward. The property is currently in the hands of a private owner who will either sell the entirety to the State or sell part to Town and the rest to the State. The Town has 3 months to decide.
- b. ***Corinth trail system*** linking the towns of Wilton and Northumberland
- c. ***Extend the Ballston Bike Path*** to Blue Barnes Road
- d. ***Saratoga Springs Greenbelt system*** – Downtown connector – Tina Carton gave updates: Lake Avenue to Congress Park to Rail Road Run – B&L as consultants have presented to the City and received staff input. The city has received a grant for a demonstration project for a potential one-way street. Crescent ave – feasibility study is complete. The trial will be in the county ROW so the city is coordinating with county DPW for repaving. Bow Meadow – Lake Ave to bridge is completed with crushed stone there is an RFP for engineering for a new bridge.

Department of Transportation Project Radar List

- 1. Route 4 and 32 crossing for Canalway Trail from Halfmoon to Main St in Mechanicville.
- 2. Rt. 50 crossing at Northline Road
- 3. Rt 9P shared access upgrades (Saratoga Lake) and crossing near Lake Lonely
- 4. Spier Falls Road crossing for Equine from Moreau County Forest to State Park.
- 5. Crossing on Route 4 at Sword Surrender Site
- 6. Upgrades on Rt 32 between Battlefield and Victory – Need bike lanes.
- 7. Rt 29 between SS and Schuylerville – need bike lanes for entire length
- 8. Jones Road – wide enough for bike pedestrian use.
- 9. WWPP needs safe crossing on route 50
- 10. Tunnel/bridge over/under I87 to connect Spring Run Trail to E side of I87

11. 146a connector to Ballston Lake Trail
12. Crescent Ave Greenbelt Trail section
13. Nelson Ave Ext bridge expansion of bike lanes even if by striping
14. General: Bicycle facilities along state roadways – John working with DOT as much as possible.
4/32 Stillwater example of buffer/bike trail as part of the Empire State Trail

DOT Project Radar List Additions:

- Washington Street Bridge (TIP funded) to incorporate complete streets elements with the bridge is repaved.
- South Broadway/Crescent Ave – intersection pedestrian/bike improvements

It was suggested that we have the 2019 TIP list for the next meeting.

Updates from Communities/Stakeholder Groups

1. *Clifton Park – J. Ruhl*
2. *Corinth- W. Clarke*
3. *Milton – L. Woolbright*
4. *Saratoga Springs – T. Carton*
5. *Malta – A. Benway*
6. *Wilton – M. Olson*
7. *Stillwater – E. Kinowski*
8. *Halfmoon – J Mitchell*
9. *Greenfield – K. Blom*
10. *Ballston Lake – A Dyer*
11. *Ballston Spa*
12. *Mechanicville – T Richardson*
13. *Saratoga*
14. *Open Space Institute - K. Petronis:*
15. *Snowmobile Club – A. Dyer*

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: (subject to change)

Monday, March 18, 2019

Monday, May 20, 2019

Monday, July 22, 2019

Monday, September 16, 2019