

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday January 14. 2008

MINUTES

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:38 PM

Members present: Kent Sleath, Naomi Davidson, Mary Withey and Donna Koenig Alternates: Bruce Sievers (Mike Lambert)
Members absent: Peter Gandelman, Stefan Szafarek, Mike Lambert, Nusie Halpine, Walter Miller and Christine Witkowski

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of December 10, 2008:

Bruce made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read. Kent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Status of grants:

Kent reported that the town has re-submitted the paperwork for final review on phase V and phase VI. We are now waiting for response from the DEP.

2.2 Status of spending/ reimbursement of grant money:

Naomi had compiled the matching monies available for the town at the present time.

Volunteer hours 4/2007 to present: 187 hours x \$10/hr. = \$1.870

Town highway Dept. 1/2007 to present: hours and equipment = \$6856.53

Total= \$8726.53

2.3 Section 2:

2.3.1 Grading /ditches:

Naomi had spoken to Joyce and learned that Ron was unavailable to work on the dozer because of injury. The work on the ditches was to begin shortly. Joe was going to work on the backhoe doing that.

2.3.2 Car removal:

Donna has the paperwork necessary for the car removal; however the bad weather has caused problems. Attempts to move the car will continue as the trail clears.

2.4 Bridge at Village Hill:

Bruce reported that the paperwork from the school has not been completed.

2.5 Greenways Small Grants Program:

Christine was ill and not able to attend the meeting. Naomi had spoken with her and she indicated that she had not finished the work for the grant. The

committee felt that if she was well enough to complete it before the due date that it should be e-mailed to the members. A two day turnaround for review is allowed at which time members where to indicate their approval or disapproval to Christine. If Christine is not feeling well enough to complete this task we will consider applying next year for the grant.

2.6 Town Meeting:

Mary had attended the Special Town Meeting at the end of the committee's last session. She had made a statement concerning the positive feelings that the committee had about joining WINCOG to purchase equipment for trail maintenance. She also fielded questions from the audience.

The town approved joining WINCOG in this action.

Mary learned that the person from WINCOG felt that with Windham's grant that they could not refurbish the two bridges that needed to be done. It was felt that the committee needed to make their wishes for completion of the Willimantic River Bridge known to the Windham group.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Additional work on the trail:

Joyce has indicated that the town may have time to do additional work on the trail during the winter. Naomi will let the town know about the trees that still need to be taken down on section 2. She will also ask if Ron can check the remaining section to see what further trees need to be removed. Committee members are asked to think if any other work could be done at this time.

3.2 Correspondence Received:

Naomi has received notification that the terms for four members of the committee will run out in May. Naomi, Peter, Bruce and Donna have all indicated that they wish to remain on the committee.

Kent made a motion that the committee request that the Board of Selectmen re-appoint: Naomi, Peter, Bruce and Donna to the Rails to Trails Committee. Mary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4.0 Motion to adjourn:

Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM and it was seconded by Kent. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna C. Koenig