

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday February 11, 2008

MINUTES

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:35 PM

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

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of January 14, 2008:

Mary made a correction to the minutes, (sec. 2.2 should read \$ 1,870 rather than \$1.870.

**Mary made a motion that the minutes be accepted with corrections.
Kent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Status of grants:

Kent reported that the town had signed all documentation and it was back at DEP for the final signatures.

2.2 Status of spending/ reimbursement of grant money: No Change

2.3 Section 2:

Many members of the committee had walked section 2 to see the work that the town has done in the past few weeks. The stumps that needed to be removed have been taken out and trucked away. The abandoned car was removed. The trees that were remaining to be cut have been removed.

Naomi spoke to Ron who said that the frost needed to be out of the ground before he could go in to grade the section.

Naomi will ask Ron to check section 3 to see what trees need to be removed. If the town is available, maybe they can remove these during their slow time.

2.4 Bridge at Village Hill Road:

Bruce reported that Windham Tech has finished the plans and materials list for the bridge. Bruce will pick up the plans this week and get three quotes for the materials. After determining when Windham Tech needs the material, we will determine if we need a special meeting to expedite this purchase.

2.5 Update – Willimantic River Bridge:

There had been some concern that the bridge over the Willimantic River was not going to be completed with Willimantic's funds. Mary contacted Mark Paquette from WINCOG. He assured her that the bridge was part of their planned

improvements. The design had to be completed by an engineer. The Willimantic Train Museum was in agreement with these plans.

2.6 Update – Cook Hill Road:

Naomi had spoken to Mike Reid and he had indicated that the trail property on Cook Hill Rd. was going to be surveyed before any further talks would take place. She was unable to ascertain from the surveyor when this going to take place.

2.7 Greenways Small Grants Program/ Trail signs:

Christine was unable to complete the work for the grant because of illness. She felt that the committee should begin compiling pictures of signs that we liked, as well as ideas for small projects that could be funded by this type of grant. One of the ideas that was well received was the signs with the mileage to the next crossroad.

3.0 New Business

3.1 June Trail Day:

Nusie has arranged to have Andy Rzeznikiewicz from the Audubon Society conduct a bird walk from Kingsley Rd. to the Willimantic River. This will take place on June 7, 2008 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

3.2 Committee Officers:

It is time to elect new Officers for the 2008 year. All of the present officers have agreed to continue unless someone else on the committee would like to serve. If you would like to be considered please let us know. We will conduct our election at the next meeting.

3.3 Correspondence Received:

Naomi has received notice that all four members that were due for re-appointment have been reinstated. These members are Naomi, Peter, Bruce and Donna.

Naomi did note that the tern length was not correct for all members. She will look into correcting this.

Naomi had received a packet n the Freedom of Information Act. We discussed this to assure that we were following the rules. We seemed to be in line with this information.

4.0 Motion to adjourn:

Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM and it was seconded by Bruce. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna C. Koenig