

Town of Lebanon  
Rails to Trails Committee  
Monday March 9, 2009

**MINUTES**

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

**1.0 Opening Business**

1.1 Call to Order: 6:36 P.M.

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of February 9, 2009

*Walter made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read. Naomi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**2.0 Old Business**

2.1 Status of Grants

We have not received any information concerning the pending grant. Naomi reported that a decision was expected by early March.

2.2 Status of Spending/Reimbursement of Grant Money

Naomi reported receiving documentation of \$6351.69 for recent town work done. However, there are several outstanding invoices for the roller (\$1250; Benders), stone dust (\$10530.72; Beckers), signs (\$89; East Coast Sign and Supply Co). Naomi will complete the paperwork for these additional amounts; we have sufficient matching hours, with approximately \$5,200 remaining after the Nutmeg amount is met.

2.3 Sections 3 & 4

2.3.1 Work to be done by town:

Donna reported that Tom Connelly (town road foreman) agreed to finish the ramp at Chesbro, redirect water flow there, and remove any trees that were marked on 3 and 4. Donna will walk sections 3 and 4 with Tom to review the marked trees which were originally marked by Ron. On Cook Hill Road, Tom agreed that he will cut some trees, redirect water flow, construct a ramp, and make a parking area on North side of trail. Work should be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, Donna e-mailed Tom about additional work still to be completed: creating/finishing parking areas on Leonard Bridge Rd. and Chesbro, also stonedusting sections 3 & 4 and repairs on section 2.

2.3.2 Work to include in RFP

Donna reported on additional revisions to the RFP for Sections 3 and 4, including work that needs to be done in specialized locations. She will e-mail

copies of the revised RFP to the committee and requested comments before the next meeting. The goal will be to do a newspaper announcement in early May, a site walk on or about June 1<sup>st</sup>, and receive bids in mid-June.

One item that needs to be added to the RFP is the installation of gates at the start of Section 3 and end of Section 4. Naomi will re-check with DEP to make sure they are still going to provide the gates and that we can get them by the end of June. It was noted that the gates should be installed to swing *inwards* in case gate is blocked by parked cars.

#### 2.4 National Trails Day

Nusie reported that Andy from Audubon agreed to do a bird walk for National Trails Day on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 am , starting at Village Hill Rd. Nusie will send notices to Lebanon Life and the town. The town will need to put up tape at the bridge where it was torn down.

#### 2.5 Section 2

Donna will call Nutmeg about looking at the damage from heavy rains, especially behind Mike's house. Naomi reported that Mike Reid from DEP will also go out to look at it once the trail dries out.

### 3.0 New Business

#### 3.1 Welcome of New Member

The committee welcomes new alternate member Laura Cascio.

#### 3.2 Reappointment of Members

Christine Witkowski has officially been reappointed for a 2 year term.

#### 3.3 Correspondence Received

None.

#### 3.4 Trail Work

A "Roots and Shoots" group from Columbia contacted Donna and Naomi to do some work on trail; brush could be trimmed back Section 4. Donna asked that they send a list of participants and hours so that we can include their hours in matching.

Saturday 4/18/09 (Earth Day) has been selected for a work party to cleanup Sections 1 & 2. Laura will bring boy scouts to help.

Naomi will check with Lori to find out if hours put in by individuals working on the trail on their own time can count towards grant matching; meanwhile she suggested that anyone doing cleanup should keep track of their time.

### 4.0 Motion to Adjourn

*Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Nusie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Witkowski, Secretary