

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday Jan. 11, 2010
MINUTES (corrected 2/8/10)

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

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:33 P.M.

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of December 14, 2009

Bruce made a motion that the minutes of December 14, 2009 be accepted as read. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1.3 Update on Eagle Scout Project by Derek Perkins

Laura reported that no work has been done on the project because Derek does not have official approval from the Boy Scouts. Laura did not need to pre-order the materials; Derek will pick up what he needs from Willard's Lumber & Hardware when he is ready.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Status of Grants

No change; approximately \$134,000 is available, with \$10,000 earmarked for stonedusting Section 3 (1.15 miles), \$8,000 for Section 4 stonedust (0.8 miles), and \$1,500 estimated for use of the vibratory roller to compact the stonedust. We are being billed only for the time the roller was actually used..

2.2 Status of Spending/Reimbursement of Grant Money

Windham Materials of Willimantic billed \$10,094.39 for stonedust for Section 3.;
Naomi made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$10,094.39 to Windham Materials of Willimantic. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.3 Discussion of Progress on Sections 3 & 4

No more stonedusting will be done until Spring now that the ground is frozen. The town did level off the excess stonedust at the Chesbro parking area which was causing water to accumulate and creating a hazard.

2.4 Revisions for Bid Specifications, Bid Sheets, and Contracts

Christine shared copies of proposed revisions to the bid sheet and summary spreadsheet. The committee discussed additional changes. Christine will email copies of the revisions for the committee to review for the next meeting.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Correspondence Received

Donna received a letter from Kristy Kelly of Lake Williams Drive who was concerned about trees growing out of the brownstone bridge right behind Lake Williams,

that abuts her property. She was concerned that the trees would break up the bridge. Donna went out to take a look at it, and agreed that the trees should be removed, but that it is not an emergency. Donna emailed Scott Dawley of the DEP about having a crew remove the trees.

Nusie received a notice to submit a walk for National Trails Day on June 5th. She plans to contact Andy, her walk co-leader, about doing a walk on Section 4 from Cook Hill Rd. to Route 87. This section should be stonedusted in time for the walk.

3.2 Discussion of Remediation of Sections 6 & 7

The committee continued discussing work needing to be done Sections 6 & 7, mostly just grading and clearing ditches. The town started putting in ditches and cleaning up downed trees. Donna will contact Tom about identifying trees that need to be taken down.

Naomi will prepare a bid specification draft based on discussion so far.

3.3 Discussion of Parking Area at Route 207

Naomi has not heard back from the DOT and will follow up.

3.4 Discussion of Fornal Property on Route 87

Naomi reported that Brian and Martha in the Property Management Office at the DEP were planning to look at the Fornal property on Route 87 to see if the state property boundaries could be easily delineated. If so, they would do a formal survey in the Spring in order to be able to move forward with getting any junk cleared off of state land, and cutting down the large pine trees that obscure the trail. If they find the property lines to be more complicated, they would include a survey in the RFP being put together for surveying Section 5.

3.5 Election of Officers

Mike made a motion to re-elect the current officers for another one year term:, Donna Koenig as President, Mary Withey as Vice-President, and Christine Witkowski as Secretary. Kent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Donna will follow-up with the Board of Selectmen regarding elections. She will also contact committee members whose term will expire this year.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn

Nusie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Witkowski
Secretary