

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday March 8, 2010
MINUTES

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

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:34 P.M.

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of February 8, 2010

*Mary made a motion that the minutes of February 8, 2010 be accepted as read.
Nusie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Status of Grants

No change.

2.2 Status of Spending/Reimbursement of Grant Money

\$10,094.39 for stonedusting Section 3 was approved and reimbursed to the town.

2.3 Revisions for Bid Specifications, Bid Sheets, and Contracts

Christine presented a revised draft of the first two pages of the Bid Sheet to be used for Sections 6 and 7. The Bid Sheet will be finalized when the special sections are identified in the Bid Specifications. Donna suggested that on page 2 of the Bid Specifications draft prepared by Naomi that contractors are required to remove any railroad ties that are found, rather than just placing them off to the side of the trail.

2.4 Discussion of Remediation on Sections 6 & 7

Donna talked with Tom about using a mini excavator from WINCOG to clean up ditches and repair trail edges on finished sections, and to dig ditches in two areas where water is washing across the surface of the trail. Donna will show Tom where these two areas are located.

Donna discussed with Scott Dawley (DEP) a barrier for the end of Section 7 where it meets the Willimantic River. Scott feels that a safety fence strung across the trail between trees, along with some warning signs, should be sufficient. It is anticipated that the bridge over the Willimantic River will be decked over within the next year.

2.5 Update on Eagle Scout Project

Laura reported no response from Derek Perkins in regards to his proposed Eagle Scout project. Laura currently has possession of the signs that were to be installed for the project.

2.6 Update on DEP Survey

Donna received word that approval of the proposed DEP survey of the Fornal Property has been delayed by cancellation of the meeting at which these projects are reviewed. The meeting was rescheduled to March 18.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Correspondence Received

Joyce Okonuk forwarded a letter to Susan Coutu verifying her tax-deductible donation of \$4200 worth of gravel.

Stefan Szafarek submitted a letter of resignation from the Trails Committee. The Board of Selectmen approved the Committee's recommendations for the appointment of Bruce Sievers as a full member, and the reappointments of other members of the committee. Due to a clerical error, Laura Cascio's reappointment as an alternate was not approved at the recent meeting of the Board, but they will do so at the next meeting prior to the expiration of her term.

3.2 Walktober Event

Christine was not able to commit to doing another hike for Walktober this Fall, so Donna submitted a bike ride for the entire length of the trail to be held on Saturday October 16 (raindate October 17). Donna coordinated with the Lebanon Historical Society to fit in this event with other Walktober events to be held in Lebanon. Peter will be the co-leader for the bike ride.

3.3 Other New Business

Mary reported that Farmer's Markets will be held starting in June and that she would be willing to staff a table again this year. Christine expressed a willingness to help.

Christine will be away at a conference for the April meeting and requested that someone record the minutes of the meeting in her absence.

Donna reported that the crossing sign at Leonard Bridge Road is down.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM. Kent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Witkowski
Secretary