

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday May 10, 2010

MINUTES (corrected 6/14/10)

Members present: Donna Koenig, Naomi Davidson, Christine Witkowski, Kent Sleath, ,
Nusie Halpine, Mary Withey, Peter Gandelman
Alternates: None present
Members absent: Bruce Sievers, Mike Lambert, Walter Miller, Laura Cascio

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:35 P.M.

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of April 12, 2010

“Members Present” should be amended to include Naomi Davidson. “Members Absent” should be amended to include Bruce and Laura.

Mary made a motion that the minutes be accepted with changes. Nusie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Status of Grants

No changes

2.2 Status of Spending/Reimbursement of Grant Money

Carl Bender has been paid for use of roller on Section 3. Kent has requested reimbursement.

2.3 Town Work

Mowing and chipping by the town crew is underway.

Donna will put up caution tape and a sign where the trail ends at the Willimantic River

2.4 Sections 6 & 7

The bid request was published in the Norwich Bulletin and posted on the town website. It was not posted to the state Department of Administrative Services (DAS) website. Donna also contacted all previous bidders.

A Special Meeting is scheduled for Monday June 7 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center Panel Room. Christine volunteered to prepare a spreadsheet with figures from the bids.

2.5 Update on DEP Survey

Naomi reported that according to Brian Florek, Surveyor with the DEP, requests for estimates will be sent out within the next week for surveying Section 5. The DEP will select a surveyor to complete work within the couple of months.

2.6 Trails Day June 5, 2010

Nusie's bird walk on Trails Day has been announced in Lebanon Life. Naomi will email Patti Handy to post an announcement on the town website.

2.7 April Cleanup

The Earth Day Clean-Up was held on Saturday, April 24 with a good turnout from the committee working on the ramps of Sections 6 & 7. Laura Cascio also led a group of scouts to clean-up Section 1

2.8 Other Old Business

The safety issue at the Route 207 trail crossing has been turned over to Richard Calarco of Hebron Parks & Recreation for action. Naomi will follow up with Richard.

Donna and Naomi went to an informational meeting in Windham where plans for developing the trail in Windham were discussed. The project is anticipated to take about 2 years to complete 1.9 miles of trail

Mary will contact Phil Chester about having a table at the first Farmer's Market on June 5.

2 more gates will be needed for Sections 6 & 7. Nusie obtained pricing information from Boudreau (\$1700 per gate) but needs to get a quote in writing. Naomi will email Scott and Mike at the DEP for recommendations regarding gates.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Correspondence Received

Laura Cascio was officially appointed as an alternate member of the committee through 2012 at the last Selectmen's meeting.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM. Nusie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Witkowski, Secretary