

Town of Lebanon  
Rails to Trails Committee  
Monday August 9 , 2010

**MINUTES**

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

**1.0 Opening Business**

1.1 Call to Order: 6:44 P.M.

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of July 12, 2010 Meeting

*Naomi made a motion that the minutes of the July 12, 2010 meeting be accepted as read. Nusie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**2.0 Old Business**

2.1 Status of Spending/Reimbursement of Grant Money

A bill of \$17,138 was received from Putnam Welding for the portion of work completed to date on Sections 6 & 7. Payment was approved by Joyce & Donna. Donna submitted the quarterly report to Laurie Giannotti at DEP.

2.2 Update on Sections 6 & 7

Donna reported that Tom was satisfied with the materials used and work performed by Putnam Welding on Sections 6 & 7. Work is not yet completed; grass needs to be planted on edges of ramps and more grading is needed on Section 7. A railroad marker left in the middle of Section 7 should also be removed for safety. A number of railroad ties cross Section 7, but these are well buried in the trail and it was decided that they would be left in place.

Stonedusting will be completed by the town in October.

2.3 Update on DEP Survey

Naomi reported that new bids have been received by the DEP but have not yet been reviewed.

**3.0 New Business**

3.1 Correspondence Received

Nusie suggested ideas for publicity of the trail, including short, eye-catching "boxes" in Lebanon Life instead of articles. She also suggested contacting Peter Marteka, columnist at the Hartford Courant, to write an article. The committee agreed to wait until at least the survey of Section 5 is done before contacting Peter Marteka, but that we should continue discussing ideas in future meetings.

### 3.2 Payment for work done on Sections 6 & 7

A bill for the balance due on the work done by Putnam Welding, and a request for refund of the cash bond, were received.

***Naomi made a motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$24,794.00 to Putnam Welding & Equipment Repair upon verification by the Town of Lebanon that improvements to Sections 6 & 7 of the Airline Trail have been completed. Nusie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

***Naomi made a motion to authorize release of bond in the amount of \$3593.20 to Putnam Welding & Equipment Repair upon verification by the Town of Lebanon that improvements to Sections 6 & 7 of the Airline Trail have been completed. Christine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

### 3.3 Discussion of materials to cover sections 4, 6 & 7

Donna contacted the engineer involved in the Windham section of the trail (from Fuss & O'Neill) for his recommendation about surface materials. He recommends using stone screenings rather than stone dust because the screenings are entirely crushed traprock, whereas the stone dust is made from gravel that contains finer materials. He states that the stone screenings pack better than stone dust. Donna obtained a quote for stone screenings from Tilcon (1460 tons = \$28,995; \$19.86/ton, same price as stone dust). Becker doesn't carry stone screenings but quoted for stone dust (1118 tons = \$19,040 or \$17/ton. Donna will contact Windham Materials again for a quote. Quotes are good for 30 days and include delivery. Materials will not be needed until October when the town can spread the stone dust.

Nusie will contact the Alternate Incarceration program (AIC) about painting the gates. Donna reports that more primer and also locks are needed.

### 3.4 Discussion of dissolution of the Rails to Trails Committee

As a follow up to the discussion last month initiated by Phil Chester, Town Planner, committee members agreed that work remains to be done and that the Committee should not be dissolved until work on the trail is completed and a plan is in place for ongoing maintenance activities.

## 4.0 Motion to Adjourn

***Nusie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Naomi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Witkowski, Secretary