

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday December 13, 2010

MINUTES

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

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:32 P.M.

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of November 8, 2010 Meeting:

Nusie made a motion that the minutes of the November 8, 2010 meeting be accepted with the date corrections on Opening Business, 1.2. Donna seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Status of Spending/Reimbursement of Grant Money:
No changes have been made this month.

2.2 Update on Stone Dusting:

Donna reported that the stone dust has been applied and rolled on sections 4, 6 and 7. The bills for both the material and the rental of the roller have been submitted.

Mike made a motion that the Committee approves the payment to Windham Materials of \$16,052.96 for 1003.31 tons of stone dust. Nusie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Nusie made a motion that the committee approves the payment of \$1,125.00 to Bender's Construction & Excavation, L.L.C. for rental of their roller. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2.2a Painting of Gates:

Donna reported that the gate on section 6 has not been painted. The sanding and priming has taken place, however, it is now too cold for it to be painted this year. Donna will pick up any remaining paint from AIC.

2.3 Update on DEP Survey:

The surveying company nears completion of their work on sections 5 & 6.

They are awaiting word from C.L. &P. on easement issues. When that information is available they will install monuments and submit a preliminary report. The final report will follow.

2.4 Postings on section 6:

Donna reported that the DEP had been contacted by trail neighbor, Dennis Oparowski. He was concerned about the threatening No Trespassing signs placed on the trail on section 6. DEP did look into the matter. We now notice that the signs are fewer and set back from the trail.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Correspondence Received:

Donna received a request from the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge to address the committee. Donna spoke to Madeline Priest, who indicated that she wished to have individuals on our committee partner with them in this project. The committee addressed the possibility of having Madeline give a presentation. The majority of the members did not feel that this would not be the appropriate venue for this type of presentation.

3.2 Quarterly Report:

Donna shared a copy of the Quarterly Report for Oct. 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2010. Changes will be made to the financial status in total expenditures, when our two current bills are paid. The report then will be submitted to the DEP.

3.3 Bike Walk CT:

Donna spoke of her attendance at the first annual Bike Walk. This is a group of advocates to make Connecticut friendlier to non-motorized modes of transportation.

3.4 Adoption of trail by Cub Scouts:

Donna spoke to one of the Cub Scout leaders, who said that they might want to adopt the trail. He was going to speak with his fellow leaders and then get back to us.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn

Nusie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM. Kent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Koenig, Chairman