

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday April 11, 2011
MINUTES

Members present: Mary Withey, Nusie Halpine, Naomi Davidson, Bruce Sievers, and Mike Lambert

Alternates: Walt Miller (Donna Koenig)

Members absent: Laura Cascio, Christine Witkowski, Peter Gandelman

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:41pm

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of March 14, 2011 meeting:

Naomi made a motion that the minutes of the March 14, 2011 meeting be accepted. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Status of Spending/Reimbursement of Grant Money:

No new spending.

2.2 Update on DEP survey on sections 4 and 5:

Section 4 - Naomi reported that DEP has cut down trees at the Rt. 87 trail crossing so that the trail can be seen clearly now. A letter from DEP has also been sent to the owners of the property by Property Agent Martha Frankel discussing the encroachments that the owners of the property have made on State Lane. The letter calls for a plan for removal of items that are currently on state owned land. The plan for removal must be submitted by 4/15/11 and removal must be completed by 7/31/11.

Section 5 – Martha Frankel is going to walk the trail with Lorraine Andrews to review the survey results. A meeting will be held with DEP staff and Rails to Trails Committee members to discuss options are viable for this section. Naomi will maintain contact with DEP staff to continue to move the project forward.

2.3 Deer removed from Section 6 – Donna reported to Mary that the deer was removed the day that it was reported to DEP.

2.4 Re-appointment – Kent will not be continuing on the committee. Donna and Mary wrote notes to him to thank him for all the work he has done over the years.

2.5 Walktober - October 16, 2011 – Mary reported information that Donna has shared with her regarding the planned event. Stan Malcolm will accompany the group on a walk of section 4. We will provide the history of the trail. Stan will suggest photo ops and recommend techniques.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Election of Officers

Donna is willing to remain as Chairman if no one else is interested (no one was interested in assuming the position). Mary is interested in remaining as Vice Chairperson. Donna will contact Christine to see if she is willing to remain as Secretary.

Naomi made a motion to vote to re-elect Donna Koenig as Chairperson and Mary Withey as Vice Chair. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Signage for trail detour

The sign at Cook Hill Rd. needs to be replaced. Naomi will follow up with Donna Koenig to see about replacing the signs.

3.3 Trail crossings – Nusie proposed that trail crossing signs and trail crossing pain on the roads are needed at several trail crossing sites. Naomi will e-mail the contact at DEP to discuss the process.

3.4 Car parts on Section 3 – Mary reported that she noticed car parts on the north/east part of the trail. Walt felt that they may have been there for sometime. He will check the site and issue will be discussed at next meeting.

3.5 Trail usage and condition – Committee members who have been on the trail feel that usage is up on the trail overall. Several issues have been torn up by ATVs and Dirt Bikes. Discussion regarding sign to discourage motorized vehicles.

3.6 Trash pick up – Discussion regarding whether a formal trail clean up is needed at this time. Members of the committee have been picking up trash as they see it. It was felt that there wasn't a need for a formal clean up at this time.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn

Nusie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Withey, Vice-Chairman