

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

Members present: Donna Koenig, Nusie Halpine, Naomi Davidson, Mary Withey, Peter Gandelman and Bruce Sievers

Alternates:

Members absent: Laura Cascio, Mike Lambert, Walt Miller and Christine Witkowski

**1.0 Opening Business**

1.1 Call to Order: 6:36 P.M.

1.2 Welcome to Guests:

Cheryl Gardner of Krause Rd. attended the meeting. She bikes the trail frequently and wanted to learn about our plans for section 5.

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of June 13, 2011 meeting:

**Mary made a motion that the minutes of the June 13, 2011 be accepted as read. Naomi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**2.0 Old Business**

2.1 Status of Spending/Reimbursement of Grant Money:

There have been no changes in this account.

Naomi informed us that DEEP is hoping for a \$1,000,000.00 grant. Laurie Gianotti will work with Naomi to develop a grant application to be in place when and if this money becomes available.

2.2 Update on DEP discussions on section 5:

Donna contacted Martha Frankel from DEEP Land Acquisitions to find what actions had been taken by DEEP concerning the Andrews situation. Martha indicated that her supervisor, Beth Brothers had sent a letter to Lorraine Andrews stating that she needs to remove her cows from the trail by August 1, 2011. In addition she must remove all encroachments on the Air Line Trail by November 30, 2011.

Naomi spoke to Deb Corcoran, the engineer who is working on this section. Deb indicated that she had been out on the trail and she will need to make additional visits as she develops a plan for the full length of section 5. She may enlist the help of volunteers if necessary.

Donna had also asked for an update on the Fornal property on section 4. Martha stated that the enforcement conservation police have been asked to initiate steps to have items removed from State property. No items have been tagged for removal at this time. There is an issue with the cost of storage for these items that must be held for a certain period of time.

Donna also reported that the entrance on the Fornal property had been mowed to allow for additional parking.

2.3 Signage on trail:

The promised signage from the DEEP has yet to be placed on the trail.

Naomi will check with Dave Buckley to see how soon it will be available.

#### 2.4 Requests for work from town:

No further work has been done on the trail by the Town Crew. Donna will contact Tom and ask him to obtain the WINCOG mower and complete the mowing of the trail.

#### 2.5 Plantings on Trail:

No action has occurred in this department. There has been some misunderstanding about the time frame of this activity. Peter will initiate contact with Pride's Corner to find out if we can obtain plants for the trail.

#### 2.6 Thank you note to Andy:

Nusie has written a thank you note to Andy for his work on Trails Day. Donna sent out the note with both her signature as the R-T Chairman and Nusie as Trails Day Leader.

#### 2.7 Trail Brochures:

Naomi reported that she has not followed up with Rich Calarco from Hebron about new trail brochures. At this point it may not be in our best interests to spend money on new brochures when we need it for section 5.

### **3.0 New Business**

#### 3.1 Quarterly Report:

Donna presented the Quarterly Report that was to be sent in to DEEP. No changes were seemed to be needed so it will be submitted as is.

#### 3.2 Questions from visitor:

Cheryl inquired about the cows on section 5, the ATV abuse of the trail and the beavers on section 1. We explained the situation as best as we could for her.

#### 3.3 Work by Committee members:

Donna reported that Mike had been out on sections 1 and 2 with the drag mat. The sections looked good.

Walt has continued to add rocks to the entrance of section 3 on Chesbro to help stabilize the area around the gate. He has already built a small retaining wall at that site.

### **4.0 Motion to Adjourn**

**Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna Koenig, Chairman