

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday October 3, 2011

MINUTES

Members present: Donna Koenig, Nusie Halpine, Mary Withey and Bruce Sievers

Alternates: Walt Miller

Members absent: Naomi Davidson, Peter Gandelman, Laura Cascio, Mike Lambert and
Christine Witkowski

1.0 Opening Business

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

1.2 Welcome to Guests: None present

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of July 11, 2011 meeting:

Mary made a motion that the minutes of the September 12, 2011 be accepted with the correction to Sec. 1.3 to read; the minutes of July 11, 2011. Nusie 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.

Donna received an e-mail from Phil Chester stating that we might be eligible for a RC&D grant of \$500.00 to \$1000.00. Our application was due at the end of September. Donna could not think of anything that we needed at this time, that amount of money could purchase.

2.2 Update on DEP discussions on section 5:

Naomi had contacted Donna to report that after our discussion of seeing no cows on the trail, she had asked DEEP to check on this. The representative who had gone out to the property reported that the animals are still on state property. Naomi stated that she will ask DEEP for further action when she returns from vacation.

2.3 Signage on trail:

There is no new news on the signage.

2.4 Storm Damage:

All damage from Storm Irene has been repaired. We believe that DEEP crews have cut the larger dangerous trees and removed them from the trail surface.

Donna and Walt Koenig have worked to clean the ditches on section 2 to assure that the water will continue to flow when the leaves are in the ditches.

Donna repaired ATV damage on the trail surface on section 1.

Walt Miller is continuing to further block the entrance to section 3 from Chesbro Bridge Rd.

2.5 Requests for work for the Town:

Donna has not met with Tom this month. The town crew has not been on the trail. Donna will meet with Tom this month to address our needs.

2.6 Plantings on Trail:

Mary met with Bruce Schreiber from Pride's Corner. He gave Mary the name of the person with whom we should address our request for plantings for the trail. He had indicated that we should have detailed plans describing what we would like to plant and where we would plant it.

Walt will further look at section 3 to determine the best areas to plant. At this time most of us agree that the entrances of each section will benefit from some plantings.

Walt also pointed out that some varieties of plants attract the deer. Nusie will find out which plants would be more deer resistant.

2.7 Walktober Event:

All is ready for our Photo Opt Walk Sat. October 15th at 9:00 AM at the route 87 crossing. It has been advertised in the newspapers, the town website and on Stan Malcolm's website.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Quarterly Report:

The 3rd. Quarterly Report has been submitted to the DEEP. The only new items were the clean-up of the trail after the storm and the application for the new grant.

3.2 Update on Fornal property:

Bruce requested updated information on the Fornal property on route 87. Donna replied that the state was hesitant to remove his stuff, because they would have to store it. Mr. Fornal seems to be moving some of his belongings around, but it is still on state property.

3.3 ATV's on trail:

Walt reported encountering 4 ATVs on the trail traveling at a high rate of speed. He was able to stop them. Nusie reported continued heavy use and damage on the trail on sections 6 & 7.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Koenig, Chairman