

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday November 14, 2011

MINUTES

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

Alternates: Walt Miller (Mike Lambert)

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

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:37 P.M.

1.2 Welcome to Guests: None present

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of October 3, 2011 meeting:

Bruce made a motion that the minutes of the October 3, 2011 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:

There have been no changes in this account.

2.2 Update on DEP discussions on section 5:

Naomi has spoken with Beth Brothers from DEEP. Beth was planning to visit with Lorraine Andrews, however, with our snow storm and power outages, the meeting have not yet taken place. At this point the cows are still on the trail.

Naomi spoke to Deb Corcoran, who is engineering a plan for section 5. She has not completed the plan at this time.

2.3 Signage on trail:

There is no new news on the signage. Donna will contact Dave Buckley from the DEEP to check on the progress of the promised signs.

2.4 Storm Damage:

Donna reported that the damage to the trail from the October snow storm was minimal. She removed a few small trees from sections 2 & 3 and someone had removed others from section 1. There is still a small tree down on section 6 that Donna plans on removing.

2.5 Requests for work for the Town:

Donna has not talked to Tom this month. Due to the amount of damage from the snow storm, the Town Crew has much work to do.

2.6 Plantings on Trail:

Nusie collected information on plants that are deer resistant. Because of the number of deer in the area, we need to make sure that what we plant is not eaten. We must also consider the **invasiveness** of the plantings.

We will further consider our possibilities in the early spring.

2.7 Walktober Event:

Our Walktober Event was very successful. We had thirty people in attendance and they all seemed to enjoy themselves. Stan made an effort to speak individually to each participant. Donna did a historical introduction before the walk commenced.

Stan will have a display of his photos of the trail at DEEP headquarters with an debut on Friday November 18, 2011.

Donna sent a thank you note to Stan for his help with this activity.

We need to start thinking of an activity that we can present for next year.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Meeting Schedule:

Donna presented a Meeting Schedule for next year. It was noted that The November meeting couldn't take place on the second Monday because of the Veterans' Day observance. We decided to schedule the meeting on November 5th.

Mary made a motion to accept the meetings schedule with the November date the 5th. Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3.2 Individual meetings:

The fact that the committee cannot really move ahead with its plans until the DEEP gives us the go ahead on section 5, it was considered a good idea to cancel our December meeting.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn

Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Koenig, Chairman