### Town of Lebanon Rails to Trails Committee Monday May 14, 2012 MINUTES

Members present: Donna Koenig, Nusie Halpine, Mary Withey, Naomi Davidson, Peter Gandelman and Mark Fitton
 Alternates: Walt Miller (Christine Witkowski)
 Members absent: Mike Lambert, Bruce Sievers and Christine Witkowski
 1.0 Opening Business

- 1.1 Call to Order: 6:30 P.M.
- 1.2 Welcome to Guests: None
- 1.3 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of April 9, 2012 meeting:

# Naomi made a motion that the minutes of the April 9, 2012 be accepted as read. Nusie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2.0 Old Business

- 2.1 Updates concerning section 5:
  - a. On April 10, 2012 a letter was sent from Joyce to the DEEP, giving back
    \$50,000.00 of our grant to the DEEP for the development of section 5.
  - b. Laurie called Donna to get contact information for Keith Sczurek. The DEEP wish to speak to him before they contact Ms. Andrews.
  - c. Laurie Giannotti has been in contact with Elizabeth Moore and Catherine Wilson in regard to finding funds to purchase some or part of the farm if possible.

#### 2.2 Status of Spending/Reimbursement of Grant Money:

At the present time, we have \$33,607.31 remaining in our grant.

2.3 Plantings on Trail:

Nusie has provided a list of both invasive as well as deer resistant plants for Connecticut. We will decide which plants we should put in and wait until September to do the actual plantings.

Walt added to the plantings at Chesbro with some Day Lilies.

2.4 Bird Walk, June 2:

Nusie will lead a Bird Walk on June 2, 2012. The walk will start at 8:00AM at the 207 crossing of the trail.

#### 2.5 Picnic, June 2:

Mike will host a picnic at his house, 648 Tobacco St. at 2:00PM. All are welcome.

#### 2.6 Signs on trail:

Donna spoke to Stefan today. He again requested that signs be installed on the trail before his driveway to alerted trail users to the fact that traffic does cross the trail at that spot. Donna does have two signs and she will have them installed. Mark inquired about the mile markers that need to be placed on our section of the trail. Donna will contact Dave Buckley concerning this.

#### 2.7 Fornal Property:

Naomi had e-mailed the DEEP Enforcement Officer to get an update on the removal of items from the state property. She has not gotten a reply. She will again make contact with the officer.

## **3.0New Business**

#### 4.0 Motion to Adjourn:

# Walt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Koenig, Chairman