

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday September 10, 2012
MINUTES

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

Members absent: Mike Lambert, Mark Fitton, Walt Miller 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 August 13, 2012 meeting:

Mary made a motion that the minutes of the August 13, 2012 be accepted. Naomi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Updates concerning section 5:

A letter from Laurie Gianotti was read to the committee concerning the meeting that was held between Laurie, Scott Dawley, Keith Sczurek and Lorraine Andrews. Ms Andrews was informed that the DEEP would be installing fencing and two gates along the State property to protect her animals. Contact numbers for the DEEP Enforcement Unit, the Lebanon Resident Trooper and Donna Koenig were provided to Ms. Andrews in case she had a problem with people on her property.

Dave Buckley, DEEP official from Marlborough stated that the fencing and hardware had arrived. They were still awaiting arrival of the fence posts. When they have all the materials, work will be scheduled.

Dave was not aware of who was scheduled to do the actual trail work after the fencing was in place.

Donna reminded Dave that we were waiting for the remaining road signs and wished to have mileage markers placed on the trail. He indicated that the road signs were on order. However, he said that they did not install mileage markers. They were being put in by scouts.

Donna will contact Scott Dawley to determine who will be doing the actual reclaiming of the trail.

2.2 Status of Spending/Reimbursement of Grant Money:

Naomi and Donna completed the work necessary to ask for a two year extension of our present grant. Some modifications were made to the listed tasks to allow for the additional needs that the committee noted.

2.3 Plantings on Trail:

Some of our committee members have done plantings at some of the trail heads. These small beds seem to be doing well.

2.4 Hebron trail between 85 and North Pond Rd.:

The poor condition of the trail in this section has been a long time concern. Many of our committee members feel that the surface deters people from going from the route 85 parking lot toward Lebanon.

This issue has been addressed before, but Donna again will call Rich Calarco from Hebron to ask that some work be done on the surface.

3.0 New Business

3.1 DEEP work on trail:

As noted above, no work has occurred this month.

3.2 Walktober:

Nusie will lead a walk on section 4 (route 87 to Cook Hill Rd.) on October 13, 2012 at 8:00 AM. She and Mary will discuss the history and the building of the railroad back in the mid 1800's. Nusie has contacted experts in this subject from UCONN and Eastern and has been unable to get anyone to volunteer to help. Through Nusie's research, I am sure she will be able to do a good presentation. Thank you, Nusie and Mary.

3.2 EGG ride:

Naomi and Donna joined the last leg of the annual week long ride on the East Coast Greenway. They started in Willimantic and finished in Hartford. The group was welcomed to Hartford by the mayor. Next year's ride will go from Hartford to Wilmington, Delaware.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn:

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM. Nusie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Koenig, Chairman