

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday October 1, 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 September 10, 2012 meeting:

**Naomi made a motion that the minutes of the
September 10, 2012 be accepted. Mary seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Updates concerning section 5:

Naomi spoke to Laurie Gianotti concerning the DEEP plans for section 5. Laurie indicated that Dave Buckley and Scott Dawley would meet on site to determine the exact placement of the fencing. At that meeting they would discuss the plans for the reclamation of the trail. She also asked if Laurie could attend our October 1st meeting. Laurie said would not be available for the meeting.

Naomi e-mailed Dave to get an update on the plans. She had asked about the mileage markers on the trail, the schedule for completion of section 5 ,if Dave might be available to meet with us and the kiosk at the Route 85 parking lot.

Dave replied that the mileage markers, which start at the Cranberry Bog in East Hampton, were not installed by DEEP. The towns, scouts and volunteers did this work. The remaining road signs were on order and he expected them soon.

The only definite information on section 5 that Dave had was that he planned to have the fencing installed by November 1, 2012. Once the fencing was up they could go forward with the other work. Dave would not be available to meet with us on October 1st.

Dave did indicate that the DEEP did take care of the kiosk on Route 85. He said he would replace the map if Naomi provided him with a new one.

Naomi said that she would look into providing the map.

2.2 Status of Spending/Reimbursement of Grant Money: no change

2.3 Plantings on Trail:

The plants that have been put in seem to be growing well.

2.4 Hebron trail news:

Donna spoke to Rich Calarco from the Hebron Rec. Dept. They discussed the poor condition of the trail between Route 85 and North Pond Rd. Rich indicated that he and the town engineer had discussed the problem. They will need piping, stone and additional gravel to raise the trail bed. It was taking them longer to do this because of the cost. He hoped that this issue could be addressed this fall or in the spring.

2.5 Walktober:

Nusie updated us on her plans for the walk on October 13, 2012. She has also gone out to the area to clear debris and vines.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Blocked culvert off section 7:

Nusie reported that the water coming under the trail on section 7 has carried sediment onto their property. This has completely blocked a culvert that allows the water to dissipate. Donna will meet with Nusie to look at the situation. We will need to address this issue to come up with a solution to this problem.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn:

Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Koenig, Chairman