

Town of Lebanon  
Rails to Trails Committee  
Monday January 14, 2013  
MINUTES

Members present: Donna Koenig, Mark Fitton, Naomi Davidson, Bruce Sievers, Nusie Halpine and Mike Lambert

Alternate Members: none

Members absent: Peter Gandelman, Mary Withey, Walt Miller and Christine Witkowski

### **1.0 Opening Business**

1.1 Call to Order: 6:31 P.M.

1.2 Welcome to Guests: None

1.3 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of November 5, 2012:

**Bruce made a motion that the minutes of the November 5, 2012 be accepted as read. Nusie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **2.0 Old Business**

2.1 Updates concerning section 5:

The DEEP has been hard at work on section 5. They have installed fencing, brought in some fill for some of the wet areas, installed metal plating at the swamp area, removed all barriers on the trail and begun work on clearing the ditches. With the aid of the Town Highway Crew, they constructed a beautiful ramp off of Cook Hill Rd. In addition, they reinforced the footings of the Village Hill Bridge to prevent soil from falling into the water.

According to Dave Buckley from the DEEP, as soon as the weather breaks they will finish the work. This will include clearing the ditches, placing processed gravel over the entire trail surface, installing a bridge at the swamp area and installing a gate. Later in the fall they will be installing the stone dust.

The Town provided three trucks, a loader and four men who worked for a week to provide the material for the ramp construction.

2.2 Re-appointment of members:

**Naomi made a motion to recommend to the Board of selectmen that Donna Koenig, Mary Withey and Walter Miller are to be re-appointed to the Rails to Trails Committee when their terms expire in May. Mark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Donna will contact Christine to see if she will be able to continue on the committee.

#### 2.3 Clearing of trail:

Mike cleared the entire trail of leaves before the first snow had fallen. It looks really good.

Donna ,Walt and Stephen Garthwait cleared a tree off the trail at the ramp at Chesbro Bridge Rd.

### 3.0 New Business

#### 3.1 Bridge over the Willimantic River

Nusie had inquired about the bridge that will connect our trail to Willimantic. Donna had spoken to Mark Paquette from WINCOG. They are still having some issues with both the DOT and the inland wetlands. He is hoping that this will all be resolved soon and that the construction of their trail and the bridge will begin this summer or fall.

#### 3.2 Quarterly Report:

Donna provided copies of the quarterly report to be reviewed. There were no corrections to it. Donna will submit it to the DEEP.

#### 3.3 Election of Officers:

**Mike made a motion to name Donna Koenig as Chairman, Mary Withey as Vice Chairman and Naomi Davidson as Secretary for the 2013 year. Bruce seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.**

#### 3.4 Bird Walk:

Nusie reported that the Bird Walk has been scheduled for June1, 2013 at 8:00 AM on section 5. Parking will be on Cook Hill.

### 4.0 Motion to Adjourn:

**Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM. Naomi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Naomi Davidson, Secretary