

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday October 6, 2008

MINUTES

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:37 PM

Members present: Kent Sleath, Naomi Davidson, Nusie Halpine, Mary Withey, and Donna Koenig

Alternates: Walter Miller (Peter Gandelman)

Members absent: Stefan Szafarek, Peter Gandelman, Christine Witkowski, Bruce Sievers, Anne Dawson and Mike Lambert

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of September 8, 2008:

Mary made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read. Nusie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Status of grants:

Naomi reported that there has been no news concerning the recent grant application.

2.2 Status of spending/ reimbursement:

Kent brought the draft copy of the next quarterly report to the DEP. The committee reviewed it and some additional material was added.

Naomi spoke about the matching amount that the town needs to receive reimbursement from the state. The amount needed is \$17,000.00. The total amount that we have at this time is \$9,978.00. It is necessary for the stone dusting to be completed before we can apply for the reimbursement.

2.3 Section 2:

2.3.1 Work completed by Nutmeg:

Donna stated that Nutmeg had finished the work contracted and has been paid. There is one problem that has come to our attention at the bottom of the Chesbro Bridge ramp. We have some water which stands just before the pipes which run under the trail. Nutmeg did address the problem; however their fix is not adequate. We now believe that there is a spring at this sight which is causing the water to pool there. Donna spoke to Tom Conley and asked for his input to solve the problem before the stone dust is applied.

2.3.2 Stone dusting:

Donna spoke to Tom last week. He stated until the paving is completed his crew would not be available to do the stone dusting.

2.3.3 Gate at Chesbro Bridge Road:

The painting has been completed.

2.4 Bridge at Village Hill Road:

No work has been done at the bridge site.

3.0 New Business:

3.1 Section 3 & 4 – Determination of extent of work needed:

Naomi felt that we should begin work on our next RFP for sections 3 & 4. It was decided that we would set a walk date at our next meeting so that all members would be familiar with the particular problems of these two sections.

3.2 Walking Weekend:

The committee did not plan any activities for this October's Walking Weekends. If we wish to plan something for next year it needs to be done in March or April.

3.3 Meeting Schedule: 2009

Naomi had provided a meeting schedule for the next calendar year. There were no objections to it.

Mary made a motion that the meeting schedule for 2009 be accepted as presented. Kent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3.4 Correspondence Received:

Naomi has received an e-mail from Anne Dawson which stated that her responsibilities have increased and she will be unable to attend meetings.

Mary will contact Anne to see if this is a temporary problem. If she will be able to resume her duties, we would like to see her remain on the committee. If this is not possible, she will need to write a letter to Joyce resigning from the committee.

4.0 Motion to adjourn:

Nusie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM and it was seconded by Walt. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna C. Koenig

