

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday March 11, 2013
MINUTES

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

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:32 P.M.

1.2 Welcome to Guests: None

1.3 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of January 11, 2013:

Mark made a motion that the minutes of the January 11, 2013 be accepted with the following amendments:

Sec. 2.2 adds Christine Witkowski to the list of members to be re-appointed. Also remove the statement that Donna will contact Christine. Nusie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Updates concerning section 5:

The DEEP has delivered additional rip-rap to the parking area at Cook Hill Rd. This is to be installed on the ramp bank. They have also removed a tree that had fallen across the ramp. They had a machine on site to spread the rip-rap, but our most recent snow storm caused a halt to the work and the machine was taken away. As soon as the trail is clear of snow, they should be returning to finish up the work.

2.2 Re-appointment of members:

At the February 5, 2013 meeting, the Selectmen reappointed Donna, Mary, Walter and Christine to another two year term on the committee. This term will run until May 5, 2015.

2.3 June Bird Walk:

Nusie reported that everything is in place for the June 1, 2013 8:00 AM Bird Walk to take place on section 5 of the trail. She will post the information on the Town Website and the Lebanon Life as the time becomes closer.

2.4 Grant in process:

Naomi reported that she has spoken to Laurie Gianotti from DEEP concerning the grant that we had applied for. Laurie indicated that the grants were still in progress. It is very important that we have specifically allocated the proposed use for these funds.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Priority of projected projects:

Some discussion was had about what projects were needed to be completed and in which order they should be addressed.

- a. Stonedusting of section 5 is DEEP doing this, or are we responsible for it.
- b. Repairing the culvert situation at the Chesbro ramp (replacing the existing pipe with a 30" pipe or adding it to the existing pipes).
- c. Building and placement of 2 kiosks.
- d. Putting in a parking area at the route 87 crossing.
- e. Installing the mileage markers, crossing street signs and the allowed and prohibited activity signs for the trail.
- f. Installing benches and picnic tables at scenic spots.

3.2 New Grant Request:

After Naomi reported that our previous Grant request was still in process, it was determined that we would not be applying for this round of grants.

3.3 Walktober:

Donna indicated that she would be willing to lead a bike ride from route 207 to the Willimantic River and the return trip for our Walktober Event. Mary has agreed to be the co-leader. Donna will submit the registration form.

3.4 Celebration:

Naomi indicated that she had been speaking to Joyce about the near completion of the trail. Joyce had told her that she would like to have some official activity when it is finished to celebrate the fact and bring it to the town's attention.

3.5 Senior Trail Ride:

Donna spoke about wanting to coordinate a ride on the trail for Lebanon's senior citizens when we have completed our work. A hay wagon that will be pulled either by a tractor or by horses could provide some of Lebanon's seniors a look at the trail that they could not otherwise see.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn:

**Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.
Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Naomi Davidson, Secretary