

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday June 10, 2013
MINUTES

Members present: Donna Koenig, Christine Witkowski, Mary Withey, Bruce Sievers, Peter Gandelman and Walt Miller (Mike Lambert)

Members absent: Mike Lambert, Mark Fitton, Naomi Davidson and Nusie Halpine

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:34 P.M.

1.2 Welcome to Guests: None

1.3 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of April 8, 2013:

Walt made a motion that the minutes of the April 8, 2013 be accepted as read. Mary seconded the motion. The motion approved unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Updates concerning section 5:

No work has been done on section 5. This is due to the season which is very busy for the DEEP staff as well as our heron families. We hope that work will resume beyond the rookery before too long.

2.2 Earth Day clean-up

Sections 1, 2 and 4 were cleaned up on Earth Day. There wasn't too much debris. Committee members remove debris as they see it on the trail.

2.3 June Bird Walk:

The Trails Day Bird Walk that was organized by Nusie was as wonderful as always. We had almost 20 participants. Most were repeaters, however some were new attendees. We heard many good comments about the program. Nusie wrote a thank you note to Andy and arranged to have him lead our Bird Walk next year.

2.4 Ramp area at Kingsley:

The town has completed the repairs to the ramp at Kingsley Rd. They widened the start of the upper ditch and lined it with large stones. They cleared the ditch of all debris and added a fine stone material to the upper ramp. This seemed to have worked well during the recent heavy rains.

2.5 Parking Area at Village Hill Rd.:

The town added some millings to the parking area at Village Hill Rd. to lessen the drop from the pavement to the parking area.

2.6 Trees on trail:

During the summer storms three trees were left hanging over the trail. Donna requested that Tom have the crew remove them before any of them came down. They were removed immediately and the wood was taken away.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Quarterly Report:

Donna provided copies of the quarterly report that was submitted to the DEEP in April.

3.2 Installation of street signs and mileage markers:

Many people have requested that mileage markers be placed on our section of the trail. Donna asked for volunteers to place the signs. Donna will decide how many posts will be needed for the mileage markers as well as the street signs.

Christine made a motion that Donna be allowed to purchase the number of 4x4's necessary to place mileage markers and street signs on our section of the trail. Mary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3.3 Kiosk:

Bruce has not heard from Evan Schwinn concerning the construction of the kiosk at Leonards Bridge parking area. Plans that are used by the DEEP were sent to Evan to use as an example of what we would like. Bruce will contact Evan to see what his plans are.

3.4 Greenway Awards Ceremony:

Donna attended an awards ceremony in Norwich that dealt with the current greenway designation of the Yantic River Greenway which flows through Lebanon. When Joyce spoke she asked Donna to say a few words about our trail.

3.5 Wayne Norman Program:

Nusie had reported that when speaking to Bernice Szafarek, Bernice stated that Wayne Norman was looking for someone to be on his program to speak about the trail. Donna asked if anyone was willing to do this. Mary assured everyone that it was not a difficult task, as she had done it in the past. Since no one was available to do this, Donna agreed to contact Wayne.

3.6 Lebanon Life:

Donna submitted an article concerning the improvements on the trail in the past year. A picture from Stan Malcolm's website was also included, however, that didn't get published.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Koenig, Chairman