

## **Town of Lebanon Rails to Trails Committee**

Monday January 13, 2014

### **MINUTES**

Members present: Donna Koenig, Mary Withey, Bruce Sievers, Nusie Halpine and Mike Lambert

Alternate Members: Walt Miller (Mark Fitton), Art Wallace (Peter Gandelman)

Members absent: Mark Fitton, Naomi Davidson and Peter Gandelman

#### **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 November 4, 2013 meeting:

**Art made a motion that the minutes of the November 4, 2013 be accepted as read. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **2.0 Old Business**

2.1 Updates on Kiosk:

Work has begun on the kiosk. Eben has put the framework in place and has returned to remove the bracing and installed the roof rafters. The weather has not been very favorable for construction. We hope that we will have a break in the weather which will allow him to continue his work. At the present time, the kiosk work looks good.

Bruce will contact Eben to find out what his intended work schedule will be.

2.2 Updates on section 5:

The major work on section 5 has been completed. The entire trail surface was covered with processed gravel and then rolled. The final topping was stone dust which was rolled. The bridge was installed over the brook leaving the pond.

The rails on the bridge need to be completed and the gate installed at Cook Hill Rd. to finish this section.

2.3 Work on the trail by Town:

The town Public Works Department has used the WINCOG blower to clear the trail of leaves. Mike also did some blowing to clear the leaves out of the ditches.

The P.W.D. also helped DEEP with the installation of the stone dust on sec. 5.

2.4 Christine's resignation:

Christine has resigned from the committee as of December 3, 2013.

Donna wrote a letter of thanks, from the committee for Christine's fine service.

2.5 Art's request for full membership:

On December 5, 2013, Donna wrote to the selectmen requesting that Art be made a full member of the committee. We have no notification of action on this request at this time.

#### **3.0 New Business**

3.1 Donation:

The committee received a \$100.00 donation from Carol and Gary Leavitt to be used for work on the trail.

Donna wrote a thank you note on behalf of the committee.

### 3.2 Benches:

The majority of the work has been completed on the reclamation of the trail. It is time to start thinking about adding some amenities to enhance the trail users' experience. The committee discussed placing benches along the trail. We will need to come up with some designs that will be permanent and rugged. Donna asked the members to think about the design and the placement.

### 3.3 Bird Walk:

Nusie has arranged our annual Bird Walk. It will be on Saturday June 7, 2014 at 8:00AM starting on Village Hill Rd.

### 3.4 Meeting with Brandon:

Donna reported that she had met with Public Works Director, Brandon Handfield. They discussed what things that the committee would like the town to address on the trail. Donna also mentioned the importance of keeping accurate records for any work on the trail. Brandon asked Donna to prioritize the items that we would need the Public Works to handle.

Brandon forwarded his time worksheets to Donna for the work on section 5. They were very well thought out and addressed all of the items we needed for reimbursement.

### 3.5 Re-appointment:

Several members of the committee come up for re-appointment in May. Peter Gandelman, Nusie Halpine, Mike Lambert, Bruce Sievers and Arthur Wallace all agreed to continue to serve on the committee. Naomi Davidson and Mark Fitton were not in attendance. We will deal with re-appointment at next month's meeting after speaking to Naomi and Mark.

### 3.6 Election of Officers:

It is time to elect our officers. Donna and Mary agreed to continue in their positions if no one else would like to serve. Since Naomi was not present, we opted to wait until next month to act upon this issue.

### 3.7 Extension of the trail into Portland:

It was reported that the towns of Portland and East Hampton are applying for funds and putting plans in place to extend the existing Air Line Trail from East Hampton center to Portland.

## 4.0 Motion to Adjourn:

**Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna Koenig, Chairman