

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

Monday February 10, 2014

### **MINUTES**

Members present: Donna Koenig, Mary Withey, Naomi Davidson, Bruce Sievers, Nusie Halpine, Mark Fitton and Art Wallace

Alternate Members: Walt Miller (Peter Gandelman)

Members absent: Mike Lambert and Peter Gandelman

#### **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 January 13, 2014 meeting:

**Art made a motion that the minutes of the January 13, 2014 be accepted as read. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **2.0 Old Business**

2.1 Updates on Kiosk:

Bruce reported that he had gone out to the kiosk and was impressed with the work that has been done to this point. The structure seemed very stable and solidly built. Bruce had received an e-mail from Eben asking if the ¼" plexiglas glass, which he had donated, would be sufficient for the covering. Bruce told him that it would be fine. When the weather gets warmer, Eben should be able to continue his work.

2.2 Updates on section 5:

We have found that during the freezing and thawing cycle, the rain has created three major washouts across the trail just adjacent to the concrete slab on the Andrews farm. When the ground thaws, we will need to bring this issue to the attention of DEEP. They may need to put in a small ditch and pipe to alleviate the situation.

2.3 Art's request for full membership:

At the January 7, 2014 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Art was appointed as a regular member of the committee. His term will expire on May 5, 2015.

2.4 Benches:

Donna brought in plans for a simple wooden bench that could be constructed and placed on the trail at various spots.

Naomi mentioned that the benches made from recycled materials might last longer. We do have money in our grant that can be used for the purchase of benches. Donna will look into benches constructed from recycled material.

2.5 Re-appointment:

Committee members; Naomi, Mark, Peter, Nusie, Mike and Bruce all have terms which will expire on May 5, 2014. All of the above members indicated that they wish to remain on the committee.

**Mary made a motion that, the Rails to Trails Committee recommend that Naomi Davidson, Mark Fitton, Peter Gandelman, Nusie Halpine, Mike Lambert and Bruce Sievers all be re-appointed to the committee. Art seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

2.6 Election of Officers:

After some discussion, the existing slate of officers agreed to serve for this year.

**Art made a motion that the following members be elected as the officers for the 2014 year; Donna Koenig- Chairman, Mary Withey-Vice Chairman and Naomi Davidson- Secretary. Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

3.0 New Business

3.1 Quarterly Report:

Donna provided copies of the final quarterly report for 2014. She went over the information that she had sent to the DEEP.

3.2 NU Update:

Donna shared a letter with the committee from Laurie Gianotti of the DEEP. She and Dave Buckley had met with NU Project Managers to discuss the upcoming improvement project to the power lines crossing the trail near Kingsley Rd. on section 6. The NU will only be crossing the trail perpendicularly. They will add gravel to the surface of the trail at the crossing. When they are working in the area, and it would be dangerous to trail users, they will close the trail with a physical barrier as well as signs at the nearest road crossings.

DEEP was satisfied that no damage will be done to the trail.

3.3 Walktober:

Donna asked all members to try to come up with ideas for a program for the Walktober Event.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

**Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM. Art seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Naomi Davidson, Secretary