

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

Monday May 12, 2014

### **MINUTES**

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

Alternate Members: none

Members absent: Mike Lambert, Naomi Davidson, Walt Miller and Peter Gandelman

#### **1.0 Opening Business**

1.1 Call to Order: 6:35 P.M.

1.2 Welcome to Guests: Town Planner, Phil Chester

Phil came to the meeting representing the Conservation and Agricultural Committee. He presented a plan that would develop a walking trail off of the Air Line Trail on section 4 onto the newly acquired Kaplan property along the Ten Mile River. The trail would end at the river.

Our committee members saw no problem with this idea. It was suggested that the DEEP be made aware of this plan.

1.3 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of April 14 meeting:

**Mark made a motion that the minutes of the April 14, 2014 be accepted as read. Nusie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **2.0 Old Business**

2.1 Updates on Kiosk:

No additional work has been done on the kiosk. Bruce had not heard from Eben, but will contact him to find out when the work will be finished.

Donna had spoken to Scout Leader, Susan Church and she was concerned with the safety of the kiosk when it is finished. She asked if a barrier of boulders could be placed in front of the kiosk to protect it. Donna told her this issue would be addressed.

2.2 Updates on section 5:

The DEEP has installed the gate on Cook Hill Rd. They also have removed the trees that were cut. The pipe has been ordered which will be placed where the run-off is occurring behind the Andrews farm.

When DEEP has finished its work on the area, Donna and her husband will install the street sign and mileage marker on this section.

### 2.3 Benches:

Bruce had looked into some companies from Connecticut who manufactured the type of benches that we would need for the trail. He felt that our best option would be Dawn Enterprise. They are located in Manchester. Bruce provided pictures of some of their designs. Bruce will be in Manchester soon and will stop at Dawn Enterprise to get additional information and prices.

Mark stated that he believed that benches on other sections of the trail were about ½ mile in from the trail heads. This would allow rest for those who might need it.

### 2.4 NU Update:

NU has cleared the brush and put a road in along side of the existing lines. When work is being done close to the trail a flagman has been on site to aid safe passage of the trail users.

Our mileage marker #18, which was right in that area, has been removed. It is lying along the side of the trail. We are concerned that this marker will be damaged. Donna and Walt will install it temporarily away from the construction site.

### 2.5 Signage and Maps:

Donna has received prices for both the signs and the maps from Barry Ford.

Large free-standing sign:	\$2795		
Smaller sign for kiosk:	\$ 910		
Changes in brochure for printing:	\$ 375		
Printing of maps:	2,500:	\$1250	.50/ea.
	5,000:	\$1460	.29/ea.
	10,000:	\$2150	.215/ea.

Prices from the CT state Correction Department were higher.

2,500:	\$2000
5,000:	\$3500
10,000:	\$6500

Donna is awaiting prices for a third quote from Minuteman Press in Norwich.

Nusie alerted the committee that accidents at the corner on Kingsley took down street signs this winter. Donna will notify Brandon of this situation.

## 3.0 New Business

### 3.1 Town work on the trail:

Donna and Brandon drove the entire trail. Brandon noted the areas that needed attention. He had reserved the mini-excavator to do some trail repairs. Work has started on the ramp at Chesbro. The additional pipe was installed and the ditches cleared. They will be adding additional material to raise the level of the trail.

Donna asked about the possibility of putting a parking area at 87. Brandon felt that they could do the work, however when Donna contacted DEEP, they did not want any work done there until the enforcement division had finished their work with the surrounding landowner.

Naomi had spoken to Laurie Gianotti about stockpiling materials for future repairs on the trail. Laurie indicated that this could be done.

Brandon agreed to construct bins at the Town Garage for this purpose.

### 3.2 Ideas for items to complete the trail:

A few ideas were discussed for final trail work. No decisions were made.

### 3.3 Air Line Trail meeting:

Art and Donna will be attending a DEEP meeting for all the towns that have either the northern or southern Air Line Trail running through them. They will see the trail reclamation occurring in Pomfret. Then they will view the video that has been made to bring attention to our resource and the attractions in each town.

### 4.0 Motion to Adjourn:

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna Koenig, Chairman