

Town of Lebanon Rails to Trails Committee

Monday June 9, 2014

MINUTES

Members present: Donna Koenig, Mary Withey, Naomi Davidson, Mark Fitton, Peter Gandelman and Art Wallace

Alternate Members: Walt Miller (Bruce Sievers)

Members absent: Mike Lambert, Bruce Sievers, Nusie Halpine

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 May 12 meeting:

Art made a motion that the minutes of the May 12, 2014 be accepted as read. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Updates on Kiosk:

Bruce reported that the roof has been finished on the kiosk and that some rough landscaping has been done. Bruce has not heard from Eben recently concerning his timeframe for finishing the work.

2.2 Updates on section 5:

The DEEP has painted the gate and removed the remaining cut trees that were along the trail. The pipe to remediate the wash-out has not been installed yet.

2.3 Benches:

Bruce received quotes from Dawn Enterprises for the benches to be placed on the trail. All benches were constructed of recycled plastic lumber.

7	6ft. Coventry bench	\$4150.00
7	6ft. Bronx River bench	\$5322.00
7	6ft. Orlando bench	\$4972.00

Since Bruce could not attend the meeting, we did not have all the information that we would need to make a decision on purchase. We will look at this issue next month.

2.4 NU Update:

NU has not done any additional work since last month near the trail. Poles above and below the trail are in position for installation.

2.5 Signage and Maps:

Donna provided three estimates for the printing of new editions of the trail map. After some discussion, it was decided to have 10,000 maps printed. Before the printing can be done, the changes need to be made by the graphic designer.

Mary made a motion to allocate \$375.00 for the updating of the map to Ford Folios. Naomi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mary made a motion to allocate funding for 10,000 maps at \$1939.54 to Minuteman Press. Naomi seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Art made a motion to allocate \$2795.00 for a large freestanding sign of the trail map and \$910.00 for a smaller version to Ford Folio. Mark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2.6 Work at Chesbro:

The town has completed the work at Chesbro Bridge Rd. ramp. One additional pipe was added up stream and slightly higher. The area of the ramp was raised and the edges seeded. The repair seems to be working well.

2.7 Additional ideas to finish trail:

Ideas were submitted for finishing touches on the trail.

- Re-grading and adding material at the steeper ramps
- Picnic tables
- Landscaping
- Planters
- Benches
- Birdhouses
- Trail repair (stone dust, etc.)
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Naomi was going to look into prices on both the picnic tables and the planters.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Report on the Air Line Meeting and video:

Donna and Art attended a meeting with people from DEEP and the Air Line Trail towns. They saw the work that is being done on the Air Line, North by the DEEP. At this time, seven miles have been resurfaced. They then watched the three new Air Line Trail videos from DEEP.

Laurie Giannotti spoke of the plan to promote the trails in Connecticut and to work with the towns to maintain the trails.

The Windham Town Planner asked us for support for the grant application to the Main Street Investment Fund. This is to help meet Windham's match for the existing grant. Both Joyce on behalf of the town and Donna on behalf of the committee wrote letters of support.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn:

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM. Walt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Koenig, Chairman