
Town of Lebanon Rails to Trails Committee
Monday July 14, 2014
MINUTES

Members present: Donna Koenig, Naomi Davidson, Mark Fitton, Bruce Sievers and Mike Lambert

Alternate Members: Walt Miller (Art Wallace)

Members absent: Art Wallace, Nusie Halpine. Mary Withey 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 June 9,2014 meeting:

Walt made a motion that the minutes of the June 9, 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 he had spoken to Eben this weekend. Eben has had some trouble getting help for his project. He hopes to finish the roof this week. He will look into a poly carbonate sheet for the kiosk and hopes to finish the project by mid-summer.

2.2 Updates on section 5:

The DEEP has yet to finish the bridge rails. They must still install the pipe under the trail to alleviate the wash out problem behind the Andrews' farm.

Donna and her husband have installed the road sign and the mileage marker for section 5.

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

The committee spent some time considering the quality of the benches and decided that the Orlando model would work best.

Mike made a motion that up to \$5000.00 be allocated for the purchase of seven benches from Dawn Enterprises. Mark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bruce will visit Dawn Enterprises to ascertain that the Orlando bench will meet the committee's needs. If the bench meets his standards he will order the benches.

2.4 NU Update:

NU has installed the poles near the trail. The lines have not yet been run.

2.5 Signage and Maps:

Donna had spoken to Barry Ford of Ford Folios. He indicated he would not be able to start the work immediately. Donna did do a follow-up, and not able to contact him. She will make additional attempts to contact him this week.

2.6 Additional ideas to finish trail:

Naomi had contacted the Lebanon Garden Club to see if they had any interest in planting and maintaining concrete planters at the trail heads. They indicated that they did not have the manpower to do this. It was felt that the planters were not the best idea for plantings. Mike suggested that perennial grasses and other non-invasive low maintenance plantings would be better.

Bruce will get prices on picnic tables from Dawn Enterprises when he makes his visit.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Rails to Trails Committee future:

Donna had spoken to Joyce about maintaining a connection to The DEEP for future trail issues. An invitation to do so had been sent from Laurie Giannotti of the DEEP. Joyce felt that the town should keep this connection and asked Donna to be the contact person for the town.

Donna also asked Joyce what she felt about the future of the committee now that the trail work nears completion.

Joyce indicated that she felt the committee should remain intact. The meetings could be set on a quarterly basis and held when issues needed to be addressed. This would assure that someone would be involved in making trail issues a priority.

3.2 Quarterly Report:

Donna provided copies of the Quarterly Report that had been sent into DEEP.

3.3 Picnic at Mike and Sue's house:

Mike issued an invitation for a picnic to be held at his house later this summer. All of the committee members were in favor of this. Mike would look into his and Sue's schedule and get back to us with a date.

3.4 Financial status:

Donna up-dated the committees on the remaining grant monies. After paying for the gravel and stone dust for the repairs at the Chesbro Bridge ramp, we have \$38701.50. We have allocated monies for signage and map printing leaving us with \$32,681.96. Tonight we allocated \$5,000.00 for benches. This leaves us with approximately \$27,681.96 in our grant.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn:

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. Walt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Koenig, Chairman