

Town of Lebanon Rails to Trails Committee

Monday February March 9, 2015

MINUTES

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

Members absent: Mike Lambert, Peter Gandelman, Bruce Sievers and Walt Miller

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:33 P.M.

1.2 Welcome to Guests: None

1.3 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of November 3, 2014 meeting:

Art made a motion that the minutes of the November 3, 2014 be accepted as read. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Updates on Kiosk:

Eben contacted Donna n November to let her know that he and his father felt that the finishing touches on the kiosk should wait until spring.

. His term will expire on May 5, 2015.

2.2 Benches:

We have found that three of the benches have been overturned. They have all been put upright.

Donna made contact with Walt Tabor, who has property along the trail. He offered to secure the benches at no cost to the town. Donna did meet with him on section 4 and he said he had three different options to anchor the benches. He was going to decide which method was the best and anchor the bench on section 4. At this time the bench has not been anchored.

2.3 NU Update:

Although wire installation is complete, section 6 of the trail is still offically closed.

2.4 Picnic Tables:

The committee discussed the placement of the tables that are to be installed. Since the pavilion and table are going on section 4. We felt that a table on section 1 and section 7 would be optional. The exact locations are yet to be decided.

2.5 Pavilion and Picnic Table:

Mike has ordered the pavilion and table from Kloter Farms to be delivered in Mid April. Mike will do the prep work and will be looking for some help. After the installation, we will need to apply Thompson's Water Seal.

2.6 Gate signs:

As the temperatures moderate the gate signs will be applied. There is prep work involved. The gates will need to be cleaned and some re-painted.

2.7 Financial Status:

All financial obligations have been met. The town received a complete reimbursement check in January. There was \$656.83 remaining in the grant that reverted back to the DEEP when the grant expired in November.

Joyce will submit a request for \$500.00 in the budget for miscellaneous items we may need for trail maintenance. An additional \$200.00 is being requested for fuel re-imbusement.

2.8 Grand Opening of the Trail:

Naomi has spoken to Laurie Gianotti about a ceremony to officially open the trail. After some discussion we decided that we need to think about what would be appropriate and the fact that we are very limited in parking. We will finalize plans next month.

2.9 Enforcement Officer:

Naomi spoke to the Environmental Enforcement Officer that is involved with the Fornal property. He has been in touch with the owner and some progress has been made. They still have much work to do before a parking area can be installed.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Re-appointment of members:

The terms for Donna, Mary, Art and Walt will expire in May.

Mark made a motion to request that the selectmen re-appoint; Donna Koenig, Mary Withey, Arthur Wallace and Walter Miller to another term for the Rails to Trails Committee. The motion was seconded by Naomi and it passed unanimously.

3.2 Bird Walk 6/6/2015:

Nusie has arranged to have Andy Rzeznikiewicz lead our annual bird walk. They will start at 8:00 AM on June 6th at the Cook Hill Rd. trail crossing.

3.3 Memorial Service for William Jahoda:

Donna and Art attended the service for Bill. Many nice things were noted about Bill. Donna related to the family the committee's appreciation for Bill's contributions.

3.4 Election of Officers:

**Art made a motion to elect the following officers;
Chairman: Donna Koenig, Vice-Chairman: Mary Withey and
Secretary: Naomi Davidson. Nusie seconded the motion and
it passed unanimously.**

3.5 Final Report:

Donna provided copies of the final report that was submitted to the DEEP for our work on the trail

4.0 Motion to Adjourn:

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM. Nusie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Naomi Davidson, Secretary