

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday December 8, 2008

MINUTES

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:45 PM

Members present: Kent Sleath, Nusie Halpine, Mary Withey,
Alternates: Walter Miller (Naomi Davidson) and Bruce Sievers (Mike Lambert)
Members absent: Stefan Szafarek, Peter Gandelman, Christine Witkowski, Anne
Dawson, Donna Koenig, Naomi Davidson, and Mike Lambert

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of November 10, 2008:

Bruce made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read. Nusie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Status of grants: No Change

2.2 Status of spending/ reimbursement of grant money:

Naomi has shared via e-mail that she had received information from Joyce Okonuk regarding where the town stands regarding match needed for reimbursement for work completed on Section 2. Preliminary review identified that there was a slight shortage in the match needed. It's hoped that with additional work that the town has completed in the last few weeks that the match will be met with that work.

2.3 Section 3-4: Determination of extent of work needed

On November 22, 4 members of the committee hiked Sections 3 and 4. The group identified that the bulk of work on these sections would be needed at the ramps at road crossings at Chesbro Bridge and Cook Hill Rd. Several marked trees will need to be cut down on Section 3 and at the Rt. 87 intersection, a town of Columbia property owner has several vehicles that are located on or close to the trail and will need to be removed.

Mary will again e-mail the contact for the town to encourage them to assist in notifying the property owner. Committee members felt that the RFP for Section 2 could be revised to reflect work needed on Section 3 and 4. Naomi will e-mail committee members RFP for Section 2, so that they can review and recommend revisions to address work needed on Sections 3 and 4.

2.4 Bridge at Village Hill Road:

Per committee members present, no work has been done to install horizontal cross pieces to make the area safer.

3.0 New Business:

3.1 Recommendation for reappointment of members.

Three of the 4 members of the committee who are up for reappointment were present at the meeting: Kent Sleath, Walter Miller, and Mary Withey. Christine Witkowski is also up for reappointment. All members present stated that they were interested in reappointment to the committee.

Bruce made the motion that Kent Sleath, Walter Miller and Mary Withey should be reappointed to the committee. Nusie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mary will contact Christine to see if she is interested in reappointment and will report at the next meeting.

3.2 Correspondence received - No correspondence to report

3.3 Other items - Publicity.

Nusie shared an article that Donna Koenig had submitted and was published in Lebanon Life sharing information about completion of Section 2. The committee thanks Donna for submitting the article and including color photos. Mary also shared that she had read that WINCOG had received the grant funding and purchased equipment for trail maintenance. Equipment would be shared by a number of towns.

4.0 Motion to adjourn:

Kent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM and it was seconded by Bruce. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary B. Withey