

Town of Lebanon Rails to Trails Committee

Monday September 12, 2016

Minutes

Members present: Donna Koenig, Mary Withey, Naomi Davidson, Nusie Halpine, Bruce Sievers, Art Wallace and Peter Gandelman

Members absent: Michael Lambert, Mark Fitton, and Walt Miller

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:31 PM

1.2 Welcome to guests: None present

1.3 Reading and acceptance of the Minutes from May 9, 2016:

Mary made a motion that the minutes of May 9, 2016 be accepted as read. Naomi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Ribbon Cutting:

The official opening of our section of the trail, with a Ribbon Cutting, was held on May 21, 2016. The ceremony went well and with Susan Whalen and Laurie Giannotti representing the DEEP, Joyce Okunuk the town and Cathy Osten and Doug Dubinsky representing our state districts. Donna again thanked the committee for the plaque that she had received for her work on the trail.

2.2 Plaques on trail:

The three plaques that Steve and Jennifer Blevins have generously donated will be finished shortly and be installed on the trail. The plaque designating the Dan McGuire's Rest will be placed on the Picnic Pavillon. The Jahoda Trailhead plaque on the kiosk at Leonards Bridge Rd. and the list of all the committee members will also be on the Leonards Bridge kiosk.

2.3 Town work on the trail:

The town has mowed the edges of the trail twice this summer. The first mowing in early July and then again in August. They have also begun trimming hanging branches and trees. They need to complete this trimming and then to return to remove the trees that they cut up left along the trail.

2.4 Fornal property:

The areas on the Fornal property that had been cleared in the spring are now filled again.

Naomi reported that she had spoken to Laurie Giannotti about creating a parking lot in that area. DEEP will look into suggestions for developing safe parking in this area.

2.5 Damage to picnic pavillon:

Naomi discovered damage to the roof of the picnic pavilion from a fallen tree limb.

Donna and Walt determined the time, effort and cost involved in removing the shingles, the tongue and groove boards and replacing everything was not warranted for the amount of damage. Walt was able to patch the roof boards and place aluminum flashing over the hole covering that with a shingle. This will prevent any further water damage. Donna will talk to Jay about the possibility of either removing or trimming the offending tree.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Remediation at ramps:

Donna reported that there is quite a lot of erosion on the ramps at both Kingsley and Cook Hill Roads. Some methods of stopping the road water from continuing down the ramps were discussed. We need to devise a method that would not impact the neighboring properties. This is an issue which causes danger to trail users and constant work for the town and committee members to correct.

Naomi will speak to DEEP and Donna will meet with Jay Tuttle to see if we can come up with a solution to this problem.

3.2 Request for Scout help on trail:

Nusie suggested that we could try to get the help of our local scout troops to possibly adopt a section of the trail. With a bi-monthly walk on their section, they could pick up any garbage and remove any small branches. Nusie volunteered to contact the local Girl Scouts and Naomi will contact the local Boy Scouts.

3.3 Re-appointment of members:

Bruce Sievers, Michael Lambert and Mark Fitton all have terms that are expiring. All three members wish to remain on the committee.

Mary made a motion that these three members be recommended to the board of selectmen for reinstatement. Nusie seconded the motion and it carried unanimously .

3.4 Election of officers for 2017:

Art made motion that the current slate of officers remain in office. Nusie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Donna Koenig, Chairman
Mary Withey, Vice-Chairman
Naomi Davidson, Secretary

3.5 Meeting schedule for 2017:

After some discussion, it was determined that two meetings would be sufficient for 2017. It was agreed that we would meet on **March 13th and September 11th.**

3.6 Map of places to dine or places of interest:

Donna brought a copy of a map which Hebron has placed on route 207 and route 85, which shows where trail users can get something to eat or drink. She suggested that Lebanon should do something similar. It was agreed that this was a good idea. Donna

will contact the Lebanon Business Association to see if they would be interested in doing something similar.

4.0 Adjourn

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20PM. Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Koenig, Chairman