

Town of Lebanon Rails to Trails Committee

Monday September 10, 2018
Minutes

Members present: Donna Koenig, Mary Withey, Naomi Davidson, Nusie Halpine,
Art Wallace, Michael Lambert and Bruce Sievers
Members absent: Walt Miller, Mark Fitton and Peter Gandelman

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:31PM

1.2 Welcome to guests: None present

1.3 Reading and acceptance of the Minutes from March 13, 2018:

Nusie made a motion that the minutes of September 11, 2017 be accepted as read. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Bird Walk:

Nusie reported that the Bird Walk went very well. About 20 people attended and a number of different species were spotted.

2.2 Trail Clean-up:

Three different areas were concentrated on during our Trail Clean-up day. Mark worked on section 1. Walt, Art and Donna worked on section 2. Nusie and Naomi worked on sections 5,6 and 7. Most of the work was removing debris from the ditches and sides of the trail. Any trash that was found was removed and left for the town to pick up.

2.3 Condition of the trail:

The trail became very overgrown before the town crew was able to mow it, this caused various problems. In some areas the weeds were so high on both sides of the trail, that people using the trail, were brushing against them. This caused trail users to be more likely to come in contact with ticks. The weeds had already dropped their seeds onto the trail. The visibility was diminished causing a dangerous situation.

We have a wonderful resource in town and we need to keep it in prime condition for the large number of people who use the trail each day.

2.4 Town work on trail:

The ramps on Cook Hill, Chesbro, and Kingsley Rd. all need some work. Donna has tried to manually correct some of the erosion. This repair doesn't last very long.

We need the town to form burms at the tail heads to direct water from ramp surfaces. We also need them to regrade the ramp surface.

Donna will address these issues with Jay Tuttle.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Air Line Trail Meeting:

A meeting will be held on Sept. 13, 2018 in Hebron to discuss the Air Line Trail with all the towns that are involved. Donna will attend to get any updated information and to check into maintenance issues.

3.2 Future of the Committee:

A discussion was held to determine what the goals of the committee were for the future. Most of the members felt that we still need a group of people to be a strong advocate for the trail. We don't want to lose what we have gained.

We will remain as we are for now. We will look into what other towns are doing. A possibility that was mentioned is a Friends of the Trail group.

Donna will set a meeting with The Board of selectmen to see what they would like to see done.

3.3 Re-appointment of members:

Three of our committee members will end their terms in May of 2019. Mary and Peter have agreed to continue working on the committee. Naomi will not be able to continue with us because of a relocation.

Naomi made a motion that we ask the Board of Selectmen to re-appoint Peter Galdeman and Mary Withey to the committee. Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3.4 Election of Officers:

We decided that this was not something we needed to do.

3.5 2019 Calendar:

March 11, 2019 and September 9, 2019 will be our two meetings for next year.

4.0 Move to Adjourn

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM. Art seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Koenig, Chairman