

Town of Lebanon
Rails to Trails Committee
Monday February 9, 2009

MINUTES

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Members present: Kent Sleath, Naomi Davidson, Nusie Halpine, Mary Withey, Mike Lambert, Christine Witkowski, and Donna Koenig

Alternates: Bruce Sievers (Peter Gandelman)

Members absent: Stefan Szafarek, Peter Gandelman and Walter Miller

Guests: Laura Cascio

1.2 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of January 12, 2008:

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

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Status of grants:

We have not received any information concerning the pending grant. We expect to hear by the end of the month.

2.2 Status of spending/ reimbursement of grant money:

There has been no new spending. We are awaiting more matching documentation from the town so we may apply for re-imbursement. Naomi will contact the First Selectman's office to obtain this information

2.3 Section 2 - Rain Damage:

Donna spoke to Joyce about the damage done to section 2 during the December rains. They discussed the option of getting monies from the Nutmeg performance bond. Joyce stated that we would need to prove that Nutmeg had been negligent in their work before we could use any of those monies. Naomi suggested that we contact Nutmeg once the snow was off the trail, to see if they could help us correct the situation. Meanwhile, Joyce will speak to Tom and possibly view section 2 to see what they felt should be done. Donna will contact Joyce on Fri. after she meets with Tom.

2.4 Sections 3 & 4 – Determination of work to be done

The committee discussed what improvements needed to be made to sections 3 & 4. It was decided that we should contact Tom to see how much the town would be able to do for us. We would need exact projects and a timetable. After this is determined, we could write our RFP for these two sections.

Donna will contact and meet with Tom to get in writing what exactly the town can do for us and when it will be done.

2.5 Bridge at Village Hill Road:

Naomi has spoken to Brian Ross of the DEP. He has indicated that their staff will put the railings in at Village Hill Rd. as well as stabilizing the gravel under the bridge.

3.0 New Business:

3.1 Election of officers:

Naomi made a motion that the committee elect: Donna Koenig as Chairman, Mary Withey as Vice- Chairman and Christine Witkowski as Secretary for the next year. Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3.2 Correspondence Received:

Nusie explained that she had received a letter asking if we wished to be involved in the National Trails Day program. Nusie had contacted Andy Rzeznikiewicz from the Audubon Society and was waiting to hear if he was available for this time.

Christine will check into the Walking Weekend in October to see if we can schedule a walk during the week-end time.

4.0 Motion to adjourn:

Nusie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM and it was seconded by Mary. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna C. Koenig