

## Town of Lebanon Rails to Trails Committee

Monday Sept 8, 2014

### MINUTES

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

Alternate Members: none

Members absent: Mike Lambert, Mark Fitton, Peter Gandelman and Walt Miller

#### 1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:36 P.M.

1.2 Welcome to Guests: none

1.3 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of July 14th meeting:

**Art made a motion that the minutes of the July 14, 2014 be accepted as read. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### 2.0 Old Business

2.1 Updates on Kiosk:

Bruce spoke to Eben who indicated he will finish his work on the kiosk this Sat. Committee members, who are available will meet with him at 1:00PM.

2.2 Updates on section 5:

The DEEP still needs to put in a pipe at the washout area and install the rails on the bridge.

2.3 Benches:

Bruce has ordered 7 Orlando benches at a cost of \$4,972.00. They will be delivered by Sept. 15, 2014.

The committee decided to order two picnic tables.

**Art made a motion that we appropriate up to \$2,000.00 for the purchase of two picnic tables. Mary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

2.4 NU Update:

The wires have not yet been installed. The trail is still officially closed.

2.5 Signage & Maps:

Donna has received the maps and distributed them to our neighboring trail towns of Hebron, Colchester and East Hampton. One box has been sent to DEEP Headquarters.

The signs have been ordered and should be in shortly.

2.6 Additional ideas to finish trail:

Donna has spoken to Brandon Handfield about pre-purchasing material to fix our ramps. He will check into this. She also told him to order materials to stock pile at the garage for trail repair.

## 2.7 Picnic at Mike and Sue's home:

The committee members had a good time at the picnic on Sat. We thank Mike and Sue for their hospitality.

## 3.0 New Business

### 3.1 Financial status:

Both the maps and signs have been paid for, that leaves \$32,727.09 in our grant. We have committed \$4,972.00 to Dawn Enterprises for the benches and have allocated \$2,000.00 for the purchase of two tables. At the present time, we have \$25,755.09 unencumbered.

### 3.2 Parking area at Route 87:

Mary told the committee that she had an altercation with a woman when she parked on the north side of Route 87. The woman questioned her right to use the area.

Naomi will speak to the DEEP Land Acquisitions people to voice our concerns about the necessity of solving this issue to put a safe parking area in.

### 3.3 Appropriations for monies for final projects:

Donna asked for a motion to allow her to give Brandon Handfield permission to pre-pay for materials for the trail.

**Mary made a motion that we allow Brandon Handfield to pre-purchase materials for the trail up to the amount of \$20,000.00. Nusie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

### 3.4 Walktober:

Our Event will be held on Sat., Oct. 4, 2014 at 9:00AM starting at Route 207.

### 3.5 Heron:

DEEP Wildlife Biologist, Jenny Dickson has told Donna that, there are many reasons the heron may not have returned to the rookery. Returning the water level to the original level probably will not do any good.

## 4.0 Motion to Adjourn:

**Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna Koenig, Chairman