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It was stated that the Fire Marshal had kindergarten move to the library, and second grade is in question. If we pass all-day kindergarten and second grade classrooms are relocated, we might have an issue with classroom space and locations. We are awaiting the report from the Fire Marshal.

Transportation Contract Status – Dr. Martin shared a letter of interest from a possible bidder on the bus contract.

Propane Tank Update – Amerigas was contacted and Robin Heins asked questions about burying the tanks. She discovered that they usually bury 500 gallon tanks. Robin will look into this and the topic will be added to the April agenda.

Other – Policies were discussed. Put on April agenda as a first read.

New Business

Fire Marshal's report from February 11 – David Hewitt suggested we send a letter stating that we ask for an extension to the 30 days for corrective action. This would be due to the sub-

sequent report we are awaiting. Robin Heins can hand deliver the letter to the Fire Marshal's office.

Stimulus Money – David Hewitt asked about this money. Dr. Martin stated that there is nothing for us to apply for at this point. David recommended that we look at fire safety issues and the gym floor.

Letter to Jon Champagne – David Hewitt suggested that we send a letter to Jon Champagne [Andover's Road Agent] thanking him for his plowing efforts.

Resignation – David Hewitt thanked the public. He then shared his letter of resignation, effective immediately. This led to discussion about the third seat. The question was asked if we need to formally accept the resignation. Mike will get a legal opinion.

Superintendent's Report – Work session on March 17. Many topics to be discussed.

Assistant Superintendent's Report – As mentioned earlier, numerous policies will be coming to the Board for review.

Non-Public Session

Discussion about personnel.

Rail Trail Benefit Scheduled For April At Rockwell's At The Inn

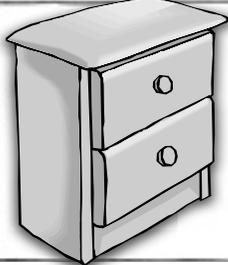
Don't miss the next Northern Rail Trail event coming soon - our fundraising dinner scheduled for one night only, Thursday, April 16, at Rockwell's Restaurant at the New London Inn. In both dining rooms, Chef Jerrod will offer varied and outstanding items from the inn's regular menus. There is no set time or set menu. You decide when you want to have dinner and with whom, make reservations, go and enjoy yourself as you would on any evening out. Thanks to restaurant owner Chef Jerrod, half of the night's proceeds will benefit the rail trail effort. Please make reservations before they are filled by calling the inn directly at 526-2791. Dinner may be enjoyed as early as 5PM in the Tavern (reservations not necessary but recommended) or 5:30PM in the main dining room.

While the Northern Rail Trail users are still enjoying the kind of snow-covered surface ideal for snowmobil-

ers, skiers, and walkers, everyone is looking forward to biking and hiking. Future expansion of the multi-use trail from Potter Place, Wilnot, and through Danbury in 2010 is well underway pending matching funding.

Besides coming to our dinner on April 16, another way you can help the rail trail effort is to become a member at whatever level of giving you choose. In return for your membership dues, you can get updated information on progress and meetings by e-mail. You can lend a hand at any one of our trail workday events. Membership categories range from \$15 to \$100 and can be processed online on our Web site.

Organized in 2004, the FNRT-MC aims to continue the conversion of rail bed into a four-season rail trail from Danbury to the Boscawen-Concord line. To learn more about the trail, visit the FNRT Web site at FNRT.org.



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March 18

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Alex Bernhard, Pecco Beaufays, Steve Darling, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Peter Southworth, Bob Ward.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, at Andover Fire House

Treasurer's Report. Charles nominated Steve Darling to take over as treasurer. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The April fundraising drive and the 2008 RTP equipment and labor rates were discussed. The board applauded the excellent work Charles has done in his role as FNRT Treasurer.

Old Business

Health Initiatives: Mike Loomis sent an e-mail about the HEAL Grant and upcoming meetings in Franklin as well as a Walk New Hampshire event on June 6.

Grants update: Bob had an update in the mail from the Norcross Wildlife Foundation denying a request, and the Andover Service Club sent a donation of \$250. We also received an anonymous donation of \$2,500 for the Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant.

Technology Report: The GPS coordinates, town of Andover letter of appreciation, and user testimonials were added to the Web page. We couldn't add the Rails to Trails GPS coordinates.

We received a request from Hannah Howard to put the Blackwater Trail Riders on our Web site as a supporting

organization, and Myra was going to talk further with her about reciprocity on their site.

TE Update: With the stimulus fund, the state may provide our funding sooner, depending on when we are ready. Alex is working with the engineering firm VHB to speed up their work, which includes some additional riling design.

Charles spoke to the need for Franklin to be the Municipal Manager and Bob mentioned Boscawen as a possibility. Charles also attended the Winnepeaukee Trail Group and got a commitment to support the rail trail in a future council meeting.

Lawrence Street Culvert: Carried to next meeting.

Water Problems: On the new stretch east of Valley Road bridge, water is draining onto 19th-century retaining wall, pushing out stone. Alex received a quote for \$2,500 to build the culvert and will consult with Alan Hanscom, NHDOT District Engineer, next.

New London Inn Dinner on April 16: Lindy provided an update for the new kiosk, and it's underway.

New Business

Upcoming meetings and events.

Out of the Box: How do we involve more volunteers? Pecco spoke of a company called EWaste that will come to the April meeting to talk about the feasibility of a community-building event. Pecco mentioned working with Ragged Mountain Resort on summer bicycling and the Danbury rail trail.

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