

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – August 5, 2020

President Mike Morrison called to order at 7:06 pm

In Attendance

Members: Mike Morrison, Reno Deluzio, William Sanborn, Catherine Guido, Guru, David Kent

President's Report - Mike:

Meeting minutes for February, April, and May were approved.

As of June 2020, Joel (Eagle Scout) is waiting on parts to complete his bike repair station along the trail.

A request was made to the Town Administrator for Right-to-Know information about purchase doggies bags. Since these are purchased by the Friends and not the town, the request is not applicable.

The Cultural Council asked to place a painted picnic table along the trail but due to concerns about graffiti, available space, and maintenance, the Friends suggested the council contact the Parks Department to find a more suitable location.

Sections of the trail that could use some attention from the Parks Department include brush trimming by the Doubletree hotel, adjacent to Benjamin Moore, near the off ramp of I-495 onto Cedar Street, the I-495 underpass. Trash was found scattered on the path to the quarry. Graffiti was found behind the Milford Water Company property. Catherine will email these locations to Nancy to forward to the Parks Department.

There is interest from some members of the Zaine Ridge community to install a Little Library along the trail. If it is on Zaine Ridge property, it is up to them. If it is part of the trail easement, the Friends would like a letter stating that the Zaine Ridge community is committed to installing and maintaining the Little Library. The Little Library at Dilla Street has fallen into disrepair. Refurbishing it could make a good community service project for a boy/girl scout, community group, etc.

The virtual meeting options were discussed. Catherine will look into using Zoom. Bill will look into using Microsoft Teams.

The traffic crossing at Walden Woods is on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held October 26, 2020.

Cyclists are riding their bikes instead of walking them on the section of trail that runs from the Sacred Heart Church, across the street, and on the sidewalk to the Pleasant Street trail entrance. Catherine will post a message on the Friends Facebook page reminding people that this area is a “walk your bike” area for safety reasons.

VP Report - Catherine:

Catherine will keep up with posts and communications that involve the Facebook page. She will send thank you notes once she has names/addresses from Bill for checks recently retrieved from the Friends mailbox at Town Hall.

Treasurer Report - Bill:

Bill will open and deposit the checks recently retrieved from the Friends mailbox at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned: 8:28 pm