

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail**  
**Minutes of the General Membership Meeting**  
**February 5, 2008**

**Call to Order**

Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 10 members and 8 visitors were present.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting.

**Visitor Presentations**

- Spencer Carlin requested authorization to construct and install a four sided kiosk at the trail head at the commuter lot on Main St. This would be an Eagle Scout project. Spencer does not yet have a final drawing and has to contact the Parks Department for their approval. His aim is to finish the project by early spring. He estimated a cost of \$450.00 for lumber and materials. A motion was made and accepted that the Friends would match any contributions up to a \$225.00 limit. He will return to next month's meeting with an update.
- The Milford Permanent Firefighters Association presented a proposal to produce and install mile marker signs along the existing completed portion of the trail. Also, they will investigate stenciling shorter increments also. They also indicated that they would also seek approval from their membership for installation of a bench. The Firefighters Association will vote on the proposals at their next meeting and advise us of the results. They will also get a proposed design for our approval.
- Cari-Lyn Fisher presented materials on a new venture that she would like to start in Milford called Stroller-Fit. This is an exercise class for new mothers and their babies. She would like to use the area at Louisa Lake and offered to make a donation to the Trail if allowed to use the property. There was a positive response from the members but more information is needed.

**Master Plan**

- Since neither the Friends nor the Parks Department has the resources to maintain the trail in a top notch manner it has been decided that we would develop an "Adopt A Trail" program. Dave has developed an application form for groups that are interested in the program. He has also developed a "check list" for what these groups would be responsible for, and an inspection report that lets them report back to us where there are problems. This program allows others to participate in the trail and promote the positive use of this resource. We would produce and display signs acknowledging their contribution. All of this information will be available on the website. A suggestion was made to approach local landscape companies as well as community groups and corporate abutters.

**Officer Reports**

- President – Pat Rosenthal
  - Pat reported that the paperwork had been submitted to reserve table space for the Friends at the upcoming Family Fun Fair on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the High School.
  - The next Board of Directors meeting is February 16.

- Vice President – Dave Cassinelli
  - Master Plan
- Secretary – Nancy Wojick
  - 3 Renewal letters sent for January and 1 for February.
- Treasurer – Tom Myatt
  - Current balance is \$11,922.09.
  - Only significant expenses are upcoming insurance premium (approximately \$800.00) in May and co-op for Eagle Scout program (225.00).

### **Committee Reports**

- Town of Milford Trail Committee – Reno Deluzio
  - Phase Two is on track to begin construction in the spring of 2009. The Annual Fund Review at the state level will take place on April 17.
  - Developers for Stoneridge Office Park will be appearing before the Planning Board on February 19 to discuss plans for improving traffic intersections and signalization in the Rt. 495 and Deer Street locations. At this time pedestrian lights are not included in their plan. Reno encouraged the Friends Board of Directors to attend the meeting in support of this improvement.
- Education and Special Activities – Christine Haslam & Linda Konvalinka
  - Hike Phase 2 – Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 – meet at Wendy’s
  - Lunar Eclipse Viewing at 9:00 February 20<sup>th</sup> – meet at Louisa Lake
  - They will contact Naman Shah about a Bat and Bird House Tour
  - Christine is going to contact the Science Department at the High School about developing a “Stargazing Night”.
  - The Full Moon hike experienced bad weather that kept attendance down. There was a good Police Department presence at both the outset and the finish of the hike.

### **New Business**

None

### **Old Business**

- Status of the Website update, the kiosk and brochure projects was discussed. All are in process.
- John Edmondson has arranged for Sgt. Sacco of the Milford Police Department to attend the March meeting.
- Reno Deluzio has revised the Trail History and would like it posted on the web site.
- Reno suggested developing a “authorized vehicle” sign for those vehicles participating in the Adopt a Trail program. And also suggested a careful system for key distribution.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center

### **Adjournment**

Motion was made and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.