

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail**  
**Minutes of the General Membership Meeting**  
**September 2, 2008**

**Call to order**

- Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. 11 Members and 4 visitors were present.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A Motion was made and carried to approve the minutes of the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Guest Presentations**

- Mark Fitzgerald gave a final report on his installation of the 4 benches next to Fino Field.
- Officer Anthony Abdal-Khabir of the Massachusetts Environmental Police described his duties in trying to enforce the laws on the trails (motorized vehicles) and lakes (fishing violations, license issues). He stressed that any emergency or suspicious activity reporting should be done via the 911 system; not to worry about whose area it is – they will sort it out. He discouraged us getting involved in citizen policing – just be good observers and report any problems via the 911 call.
- Sgt. Dave Sacco distributed incident reports for recent activity on the trail. There were not many. He also stated that the helmet give away was a great success. He will not be able to attend the October meeting.

**Director Elections**

- Tony Niro, Sheldon Moniz and John Edmonson are standing for re-election. They were re-elected unanimously.

**Officer Reports**

**Pat Rosenthal – President**

- The Friends are being recognized by Alternatives with the Community Bridging Award. The presentation will be made September 10 in Worcester.
- Central Mass Rail Trail meeting will be held September 13 at the Doyle Center in Leominster. Dave and Pat will attend. A motion was made and approved to spend \$12.00 per person to attend this meeting.
- Milford Family Health Fair will be held September 27 from 9-2 at the High School. We will have a table there as well as the YMCA Activate America Walk and the Parent Child Bike Ride sponsored by Brookside School. We will also have a presence at Louisa Lake for a membership drive.
- September 6 there will be another trail usage count at Fino Field and Louisa Lake from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

- Thanks to Tony Niro and Christine Haslam for putting up the fishing line recycling units. Also, to Dave Cassinelli and Dave Nyran for the bench work, Christine for putting up safety tips on the kiosk.

Vice-President- Dave Cassinelli

No Report

Secretary – Nancy Wojick

- There were 3 renewals (2 Gold, 1 Silver) for 52 active members with 7 renewals still to go before year-end.

Treasurer – Tom Myatt

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail  
Treasurer Report: 1/1/08 - 9/1/08**

**Milford Federal Saving & Loan Checking Account**

		<b>Percentages</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	\$ 12,024.70	
<b>Income</b>		
Donations		
General	\$ 70.00	0.8%
Granite Benches	\$ 6,400.00	76.6%
Interest	\$ 8.72	0.1%
Membership Fees	\$ 1,525.00	18.3%
T-Shirt Sales	\$ 40.00	0.5%
Unknown Income (from prior years)	\$ 307.50	3.7%
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 8,351.22	100%
<b>Expenses</b>		
Appreciation	\$ 127.58	1.4%
Education	\$ 109.35	1.2%
Fees		
Paypal Fees	\$ 45.17	0.5%
Website Fees	\$ 18.68	0.2%
Insurance - D&O	\$ 804.00	8.9%
Postage	\$ 9.44	0.1%

Publicity	\$	256.46	2.8%
Trail Improvement			
Bat & Bird Houses	\$	175.00	1.9%
Doggie Bags	\$	220.00	2.4%
Granite Benches	\$	6,452.70	71.2%
Kiosks	\$	541.88	6.0%
Signage	\$	247.20	2.7%
Spring Clean Up	\$	60.66	0.7%
Total Expense	\$	9,068.12	100%
<b>Net Change</b>		\$ (716.90)	
<b>Closing Balance</b>		\$ 11,307.80	
<b>Open Spending Authorizations</b>		\$ 2,996.90	
<b>Uncommitted Available Funds</b>		\$ 8,310.90	

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**Opening Spending Authorizations:**

	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Spencer Carlen Eagle Scout Kiosk	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00
Six granite benches	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,580.90	\$ 1,919.10
Access gate in fence	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Adopt-a-Trail signs	\$ 500.00	\$ 211.20	\$ 288.80
911 signs	\$ 100.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 64.00
			\$ 2,996.90

**Committee Reports**

Maintenance and Enhancement – Dave Cassinelli

- The final 2 benches from the Milford Firefighters will go in near the pool and they also plan to plant a shade tree.
- The Adopt-a-Trail signs for Alternatives, Masons and Midtown have been installed. We now need their logo information to be applied.
- The 911 signs have also been installed.
- **On September 15 there will be a fall clean up day. We are in great need of gas powered weed whackers to do some edging.**
- He also has asked Mike Bresciani again to install the gate in the fence so that Alternatives can clean on the other side of the fence.

- We only have 3 Adopt a Trail sponsors, and need 6 more. We should do another Eye on Milford Spot, and another radio spot and post it on the kiosk. Reno suggested that we need to do a targeted mailing to landscaping companies.
- Spencer Carlin still has not followed through on the second kiosk.
- Mile markers are still being researched

#### Education and Activities – Christine Haslam and Linda Konvalinka

- September 6 Ann Lamontaine of the Historic Commission will be doing another quarry walk starting at Louisa Lake
- Christine and Linda met with the Y people regarding the family walk on the 27<sup>th</sup> regarding check-in points, and other details of the day.
- This will be last month for bike ride and bird watch activities
- Letterboxing might be easier than geocaching as an activity.

#### Upper Charles Trail – Reno DeLuzio

- Design for Phase 2 has been submitted to Mass Highway for final review.
- Property rights from National Grid lease is still a problem and town has approved taking the land by eminent domain.

#### Membership and Fundraising

- September 27<sup>th</sup> fundraising with 50/50 raffle, helmet giveaway, t-shirt sales.
- Quote received for shirt at \$6.68 each; will pursue for other estimates.
- A motion was made and approved to spend up to \$850.00 for this project.

#### New Business

- None

#### Old Business

- A motion was made and approved to spend up to \$100.00 for the framing and installation of the map on the kiosk.
- \*Reimbursement due to Tony for materials for fishing line recycling project. This was passed over because it was thought to have been addressed at the last meeting. Upon review of the August minutes this is not the case. This will need to be addressed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on December 2.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.