

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

Call to Order

- Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. There were 10 members present.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes of the October meeting.

Officer Reports

President-Pat Rosenthal

- Carol MacAvoy has made an unrestricted donation of \$1,000.00 in memory of her late husband Bill. Pat has sent thanks.
- Bee Line completed the mile markings
- Bikes Not Bombs collected 12/15 bikes during the November Clean-up Day
- Holly Orff, daughter of the late Tony Brenna, has contacted Pat to discuss options for a memorial for her father. Reno will get information on interpretive boulders for Dave to review.
- Craig DellaPenna from Northeast Greenway Solutions will speak at the February meeting. Reno said we need to be sure to have a larger audience for his presentation. Pat will contact the Holliston and Hopkinton Trail groups. The snow date will be March 3.

Vice-President-Dave Cassinelli

- No Report

Secretary-Nancy Wojick

- We currently have 62 members. There are still 6 outstanding renewals.

Treasurer-Tom Myatt

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail
Treasurer Report: 1/1/08 - 11/30/08

	Dollars	Percentages
Opening Balance	\$ 12,024.70	
Income		
Donations	\$ 7,470.00	75.5%
General	\$ 1,070.00	10.8%

Granite Benches	\$ 6,400.00	64.7%
Interest	\$ 11.52	
Lottery Ticket Sales	\$ 25.00	0.3%
Membership Fees	\$ 1,955.00	19.8%
T-Shirt Sales	\$ 120.00	1.2%
Unknown Income (from prior years)	\$ 307.50	3.1%
Total Income	\$ 9,889.02	100%
Expenses		
Appreciation	\$ 127.58	1.1%
Education	\$ 109.35	1.0%
Fees	\$ 94.43	0.8%
Conference	\$ 24.00	0.2%
Paypal Fees	\$ 51.75	0.5%
Website Fees	\$ 18.68	0.2%
Fund Raising	\$ 630.00	5.6%
Lottery Winning Payout	\$ 25.00	0.2%
T-Shirts Purchase	\$ 605.00	5.4%
Insurance - D&O	\$ 804.00	7.1%
Postage	\$ 9.44	0.1%
Publicity	\$ 431.33	3.8%
Brochures	\$ 179.46	1.6%
Decals	\$ 161.00	1.4%
Events	\$ 90.87	0.8%
Trail Improvement	\$ 9,097.26	80.5%
Bat & Bird Houses	\$ 175.00	1.5%
Doggie Bags	\$ 440.00	3.9%
Fence Gate	\$ 460.27	4.1%
Granite Benches	\$ 7,052.70	62.4%
Kiosks	\$ 616.17	5.5%
Signage	\$ 292.46	2.6%
Spring/Fall Clean Ups	\$ 60.66	0.5%

Total Expense	\$ 11,303.39	100%
Net Change	\$ (1,414.37)	
Closing Balance	\$ 10,610.33	
Open Spending Authorizations	\$ 718.54	
Uncommitted Available Funds	\$ 9,891.79	

Opening Spending Authorizations:

	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
#08-03: Spencer Carlen Eagle Scout Kiosk	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00
#08-15: Adopt-a-Trail signs	\$ 500.00	\$ 256.46	\$ 243.54
#08-21: Fall Clean-Up	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
			<u>\$ 718.54</u>

Committee Reports

Upper Charles Trail Committee – Reno DeLuzio

- After a series of additional reviews Mass Highway has finally given the approval to go out to bid. Hopefully construction will begin early to mid-summer.
- The flashing beacons are up on Dilla Street

Maintenance and Enhancement-Dave Cassinelli

- The Italian Vets Club has voted to Adopt the trail section from Dunkin Donuts to the intersection where Alternative’s part ends.
- Dave will start a “wait list” for benches for phase 2
- Pat brought up the type of “edging” equipment that was recommended for our purposes. There was discussion as to whether we should purchase one for the Parks Department. It was decided that the Adopt A Trail Partners would be responsible for their sections and we would contact Ace Hardware again to borrow theirs next year for the open sections.
- Pat reported on the Fall Cleanup. The Masons did a lot of work on their section. There were some students who came and they cleaned out the bird houses. It was not good weather and it was decided that next year we schedule the event earlier in the year.
- Dave will look into getting some solar shield coating to place over the plexiglass cover on the map at the kiosk. It has been badly faded by the sun.

Education and Activities-Linda Konvalinka and Christine Haslam (Absent)

- Dave and Julie reported on the Pumpkin Stroll. We spent about \$200.00 on candy and the thing was really just a “candy grab”. This should be evaluated.

Membership and Fundraising

- Pat reported that Margaret Myatt and Susan Edmondson have volunteered to co-chair this committee. This was very welcome news and we are all very excited to have this leadership role filled.

New Business

- A motion was made and approved to spend up to \$220.00 for dog station bags. [8-23]
- A motion was made and approved to spend up to \$30 for posters and fliers for the February meeting appearance of Craig DellaPenna. [8-24]
- A motion was made and approved to spend \$40 for a Dunkin Donuts gift card to be given to the men from Bee Line who did the mile marking. [8-25]

Old Business

- It was noted once again that our sponsor page on the website needs updating.

Finally, a vote was taken and the January meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be held on February 3.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:07 PM.