

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail**  
**Minutes of the General Membership Meeting**  
**April 7, 2009**

**Call to Order**

- Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 12 members and 2 guests present.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes of the December meeting. (There was no November meeting because of Election Day, we did not hold a meeting in January, and February was snowed out.)

**Officer Reports**

**Pat Rosenthal - President**

- The March meeting with Craig Della Penna was well attended by approximately 45 people. We hosted Craig for dinner, and gave him a t-shirt. Thanks to the members who provided water, coffee, tea and baked goods for our members and guests.
- The Easter Egg Hunt was very well attended. Estimates ranged from 200 – 350 children participated. Christine Haslam, Julie Rosenthal and the Alternatives volunteers filled 1,000 eggs with candy for the event. There was press coverage by the Milford Daily News and the Milford Town Crier. Purchase Street Market provided pizza for the volunteers.
- Reno had asked that we monitor the functioning of the Dilla Street flashing beacons as the solar cells had been replaced recently. They seem to be working fine.
- Dog owners are once again causing complaints by not leashing and cleaning up after their pets. Marie Clemente volunteered to work on a pamphlet to remind people of the rules. The Fino Field area is the worst, followed by the section from Shadowbrook to Louisa Lake.
- The Parks Department has not been refilling the dog station bags in a timely manner also.
- Pat will follow with the selectmen's office and the dog officer.

**Dave Cassinelli – Vice President**

- No Report

**Tom Myatt - Treasurer**

## Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

### Treasurer Report: 1/1/09 - 4/6/09

	Dollars		Percentages	
<b>Opening Balance</b>		\$ 11,356.25		
<b>Income</b>				
Donations		\$ 2,881.00		82.7%
Cross Roads Foundation	\$ 186.00		5.3%	
Divoll-Steinka	\$ 125.00		3.6%	
Harmon Foundation	\$ 2,500.00		71.8%	
Khalsa	\$ 70.00		2.0%	
Interest		\$ 3.22		
Membership Fees		\$ 560.00		16.1%
T-Shirt Sales		\$ 40.00		1.1%
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 3,484.22</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Appreciation		\$ 40.00		10.3%
Education		\$ 47.98		12.4%
Fees		\$ 5.54		1.4%
Postage		\$ 25.20		6.5%
Publicity		\$ 18.09		4.7%
Trail Improvement		\$ 251.22		64.7%
Doggie Bags	\$ 220.00		56.7%	
Kiosks	\$ 31.22		8.0%	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$ 388.03</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Net Change</b>		<b>\$ 3,096.19</b>		
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>\$ 14,452.44</b>		
<b>Open Spending Authorizations</b>		<b>\$ -</b>		
<b>Uncommitted Available Funds</b>		<b>\$ 14,452.44</b>		

Nancy Wojick – Secretary

- We ended 2008 with 64 members.
- To date for 2009 we have had 3 new members and 12 re-newals
- 8 renewals are outstanding
- 4 renewal notices will go out this month.
- Total income to date is \$560.00

**Committee Reports**

Dave Cassinelli - Maintenance and Enhancement

- In Dave's absence Pat reported on the upcoming Cleanup Day and E Waste Collection. Will Roper from Cartridge World is coordinating the E Waste activity.
- There are broken fences on the Fino Field side and at the Commuter parking lot that need to be repaired and it was noted that the lines need repainting. Also, the access gate in the fence by the commuter parking lot has been broken.

Christine Haslam and Linda Konvalinka – Activities

- Christine spoke again of the success of the Easter Egg Hunt and is already planning for next year's event.
- No full moon hike this week because of the holidays.
- There will be a Safety Day in June. Sgt. Sacco suggested that she contact the sheriff's office for some support and displays. There will not be free helmets available this year.

Margaret Myatt and Susan Edmondson - Membership and Fundraising

- Margaret and Susan have done an outstanding job of lining up sponsors for our "new member" discount cards.
- They hope to set up a table at Louisa Lake periodically to encourage trail users to join the Friends group.
- There was some discussion of a member barbecue. It was tabled until next meeting as Julie Rosenthal was not present.
- Marie Clemente of Midtown Family Fitness and Will Roper of Cartridge World volunteered to display t-shirts and brochures at their businesses.

**New Business**

- There will be a Trail Usage Count on Saturday May 2, and Tuesday May 5. Pat Rosenthal asked for volunteers to help cover Fino Field and Louisa Lake.
- Motions were made and passed for the following expenditures:
  - Up to \$100.00 for plastic eggs for the 2010 Easter Egg Hunt [09-01]
  - Up to \$810.00 (\$) for Officers and Directors Insurance [09-02]
  - Up to \$60.00 for Craig Della Penna's presentation [09-03]
  - Up to \$100.00 for Dog Rules pamphlet [09-04]
  - Up to \$200.00 for the 2009 Easter Egg Hunt. [09-05]

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 5.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:10 PM.