

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail  
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
August 4, 2009**

**Call to Order**

- Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:12PM. There were 10 members and 1 guest present.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Guest Presentations**

- Lauren Marciszyn from the Hockomock YMCA in Franklin discussed plans for two walking nights on the trail on Tuesday September 22 and Thursday September 24. This is part of the “America Moves” initiative to encourage people to take 2000 extra steps and reduce caloric intake by 100 each day. She has been working with the Youth Center and the schools. Dave Cassinelli asked if the Y would be interested in becoming an “Adopt a Trail” partner for the Louisa Lake area. Lauren will discuss this with her board and let us know.
- Reno DeLuzio reported that the start of phase 2 appears to be delayed. The trail is not in fact a part of the stimulus funds and will have to get funding from regular channels.

**Officer Reports**

- Pat Rosenthal-President
  - All items to be discussed under new business
- Dave Cassinelli-Vice President
  - No report
- Nancy Wojick-Secretary
  - Current membership stands at 85 paid members. There are 14 renewals pending and 4 members due to be dropped for not renewing after 2 requests.

• Tom Myatt-Treasurer

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail  
Treasurer Report: 1/1/09 - 7/31/09**

	<b>Dollars</b>		<b>Percentages</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>		\$ 11,356.25	
<b>Income:</b>			
Donations		\$ 4,010.00	68.1%
Cartridge World	\$ 1,000.00		17.0%
Cross Roads Foundation	\$ 186.00		3.2%
Divoll-Steinka	\$ 125.00		2.1%
General	\$ 2.00		0.0%
Harmon Foundation	\$ 2,500.00		42.5%
Khalsa	\$ 150.00		2.5%
Trail Barbeque	\$ 47.00		0.8%
Interest		\$ 8.04	0.1%
Membership Fees		\$ 1,410.00	23.9%
Fund Raising		\$ 461.00	7.8%
Bottle & Can Redemption	\$ 250.00		4.2%
Raffle Tickets	\$ 11.00		0.2%
T-Shirt Sales	\$ 200.00		3.4%
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>\$ 5,889.04</u>	100%
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Appreciation		\$ 40.00	1.9%
Education		\$ 47.98	2.3%
Events		\$ 446.68	21.0%
Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 248.09		
Trail Barbeque	\$ 198.59		
Fees		\$ 26.42	1.2%
Insurance - Directors & Officers		\$ 804.00	37.8%
Membership Badge Materials		\$ 29.99	1.4%
Postage		\$ 25.20	1.2%
Trail Improvement		\$ 704.97	33.2%
Doggie Bags	\$ 465.00		21.9%
Kiosks	\$ 67.22		3.2%
Signage	\$ 155.60		7.3%
Trail Clean Ups	\$ 17.15		0.8%
<b>Total Expense</b>		<u>\$ 2,125.24</u>	100%
<b>Net Change</b>		<u>\$ 3,763.80</u>	
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<u>\$ 15,120.05</u>	
<b>Open Spending Authorizations</b>		<u>\$ 1,279.94</u>	
<b>Uncommitted Available Funds</b>		<u>\$ 13,840.11</u>	

<b>Opening Spending Authorizations:</b>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
# 08-15: Adopt-a-Trail signs	\$ 500.00	\$ 256.46	\$ 243.54
# 09-04: Dog rule pamphlets	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
# 09-06: To students for sorting bottles	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
# 09-10: Spencer Carlin kiosk	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00
# 09-12: Doggie bags	\$ 500.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 255.00
# 09-13: Animal control officer vests	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
# 09-14: Dog leash & cleanup signs	\$ 200.00	\$ 143.60	\$ 56.40
# 09-15: Town Crier ad - 1/8 page	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
			<u>\$ 1,279.94</u>

## **Committee Reports**

- **Dave Cassinelli-Maintenance and Enhancements**
  - The current condition of the trail is very good, with the Parks Department mowing and maintaining on a regular basis. Graffiti continues to be an issue on some signs. Reno stated that the Highway Department will include re-striping on the trail and the Dilla St. crossing in their budget.
  - There are currently 4 Adopt a Trail partners and 5 more are needed. Margaret Myatt volunteered to write a press release, and work to develop a plan to recruit local businesses.
  - Dave feels that it will be best for him to buy lumber and build reserve bird houses himself.
  - If Dave is elected to the President position in September he would need someone else to take over the Maintenance and Enhancement responsibilities.
  
- **Linda Konvalinka and Christine Haslam-Education and Activities**
  - Pat reported in the absence of Linda and Christine that there will be a Full Moon Walk leaving from Louisa Lake immediately following the meeting this evening.
  - Pat asked if there was interest in forming a bike riding group to explore other trails. Margaret suggested contacting the Bike Shop to see if they are aware of any existing groups.
  
- **Margaret Myatt-Membership and Fundraising**
  - Still planning to do a little awareness campaign at Louisa Lake area
  - Many thanks to Marie Clemente and the Midtown Family Fitness staff for the very successful BBQ. The event resulted in 40+ new members and \$400.00 profit for the Friends. Hopefully this will become an annual event.

## **New Business**

- Pat stated that there is a Trail Workshop to be held September 19 by the Trustees of Reservations and DCR. It was determined that these were different types of trail maintenance and development issues.
- Family Network Health Fair – based on last year's experience we will not have a table at this event
- October 4 Masons will be holding a large craft fair. They would like us to organize some activity – bike decorating? Safety?
- October 3 Midtown Family Fitness will be having an Open House. We will have a table.
- Highpoint Farm in NH sponsoring a week-end workshop – cost \$250.00. See their website for information.

- Morgan Construction Health Fair September 17. We will provide map, brochures and t-shirts for a raffle to Dick Flocks who is coordinating the event.
- Margaret Myatt reported that the Commission on Disabilities would like more aids for locating benches and Braille signage more accessible at the kiosk. This will need further discussion as to installation and maintenance issues.

### **Old Business**

- Dick Flocks has purchased 2 vests for the Animal Control Officers. Nancy will follow up on getting them lettered.
- A motion was made to approve up to \$50.00 for hardware to help stabilize the kiosk being constructed at the commuter parking lot trail head.

The next meeting will be held on September 1. We will need a new Vice resident and Director. Complete description of roles and responsibilities are on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM