

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
October 6, 2009**

Call to Order

- Dave Cassinelli called the meeting to order at 7:15. There were 7 members and 2 guests present.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the minutes. There was an objection by Tom Myatt that the incorrect Treasurer's report had been inserted. The correction will be made.

Guest

- Two reflective safety vests imprinted with the Town of Milford Seal on the front and "Milford Animal Control" on the back were presented to animal Control Officer Rochelle Thompson.

Officer Reports

- Dave Cassinelli – President
 - Dave will coordinate with the Treasurer to change the signature card at the Bank.
 - We will not participate in the Pumpkin Stroll this year.
 - The second kiosk at the commuter parking lot trailhead has a roof, but no shingles and no centerboard. Hopefully Spencer Carlin will finish the project.
 - The ground breaking for Phase 2 of the trail will be held on Saturday October 24th. This date is also the rain date for the clean up as well as an open house at Midtown Family fitness Center.
 - Marie Clemente will assume responsibility for the Maintenance and Enhancement Committee.
 - The fall cleanup is scheduled for October 17th. We will need people to bring shovels. A letter will be given to Ace Hardware to reserve an edger for our use. The Congregational Church will be holding a Walk for Hunger that day and will encourage walkers to bring bags and pick up trash as they walk.
- Marie Clemente – Vice President
 - Absent – No report

- Tom Myatt - Treasurer

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail
Treasurer Report: 1/1/09 – 9/30/09**

		Dollars	
Opening Balance			\$ 11,356.25
Income:			
Donations		\$ 4,065.00	
Cartridge World	\$ 1,000.00		
Cross Roads Foundation	\$ 186.00		
Divoll-Steinka	\$ 125.00		
General	\$ 17.00		
Harmon Foundation	\$ 2,500.00		
Khalsa	\$ 190.00		
Trail Barbeque	\$ 47.00		
Interest		\$ 10.60	
Membership Fees		\$ 1,635.00	
Fund Raising		\$ 461.00	
Bottle & Can Redemption	\$ 250.00		
Raffle Tickets	\$ 11.00		
T-Shirt Sales	\$ 200.00		
Total Income		<u>\$ 6,171.60</u>	
Expenses:			
Appreciation		\$ 40.00	
Education		\$ 47.98	
Events		\$ 481.68	
Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 248.09		
Mason Fino Field	\$ 35.00		
Trail Barbeque	\$ 198.59		
Fees		\$ 28.17	
Insurance - Directors & Officers		\$ 804.00	
Membership Badge Materials		\$ 29.99	
Postage		\$ 54.30	
Trail Improvement		\$ 724.57	
Animal Control Officer Vests	\$ 8.70		
Doggie Bags	\$ 465.00		
Kiosks	\$ 67.22		
Signage	\$ 166.50		
Trail Clean Ups	\$ 17.15		
Total Expense		<u>\$ 2,244.28</u>	
Net Change			<u>\$ 3,927.32</u>
Closing Balance			<u>\$ 15,283.57</u>
Open Spending Authorizations			<u>\$ 942.64</u>
Uncommitted Available Funds			<u>\$ 14,340.93</u>

Opening Spending Authorizations:	Authorized	Expended	Remaining
# 08-15: Adopt-a-Trail signs	\$ 500.00	\$ 267.36	\$ 232.64
# 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	\$ 465.00	\$ 35.00
# 09-15: Town Crier ad - 1/8 page	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
# 09-16: Kiosk hardware	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
			<u>\$ 942.64</u>

- Nancy Wojick – Secretary
 - There are 8 new members and 15 to be deleted. The current active membership is 98.

Committee Reports

- Maintenance and Enhancement
 - Marie Clemente will assume responsibility for this committee. In her absence Dave discussed an idea that Marie had for the ongoing maintenance. She noted that Adopt a Trail sponsors are not fulfilling their obligations and perhaps it would be a more productive idea to hire a professional landscape company to take care of the “heavy” part such as edging and have the sponsors chip in to pay for this. Another idea was to approach local banks for grant money. Dave said he would approach the banks. We should establish a goal for fundraising and define and communicate the need.
- Education and Activities – Christine Haslam
 - Absent, no report
- Membership and Fundraising –Margaret Myatt and Susan Edmondson
 - Absent – no report

Old Business

- We will continue to look for someone to build a “stock” of replacement birdhouses.

New Business

- As of January 1 we will meet every other month
- A motion was made “after the fact” to award \$80.00 to the raffle winner at the Mason’s event. That was the amount raised by new member enrollments.
- A motion was made to close the old \$500.00 item for doggie bags. \$465.00 was spent.
- A motion was made to approve \$500.00 for new supply of doggie bags.
- A motion was made to spend up to \$100.00 for edger rental for the clean-up day.
- A motion was made to spend up to \$50.00 for gloves, bags and food for the clean-up day.
- A motion was made to spend \$50.00 for replenishing “Proud Member” decals.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held on January 5th at the Senior Center at 7:00.