

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes of the General Meeting

August 3, 2010

Call to Order

- President Dave Cassinelli called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. There were 8 members and no guests present.
- A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes from the June 1, 2010 meeting.

Guest Presentation

- Reno DeLuzio updated the Friends on the progress of Phase 2. The contractor is doing well and there is more cooperation than there was in Phase 1. Mass Highway has not come to the town for any overages to date. The Trail Committee is starting to address Phase 3 and there has already been an offer of help from one developer. Reno suggested that our fundraising activities would be better targeted toward an equipment purchase for the Parks Department in order to help with ongoing trail maintenance.

Officer Reports

- Dave Cassinelli-President
 - A CD with updated photos of the trail construction was given to Margaret for use on the website.
 - Paint samples for potential use for hopscotch project are holding up well.
 - There are some cracks beginning to appear in certain places by Louisa Lake and also on the hill near Wendy's. Dave spoke to Mike Bresciani about it.
 - There has been a request from a representative from the Disabilities Commission to appear at an upcoming meeting. Dave will contact her.
- Marie Clemente-Vice-President
 - Absent

- Tom Myatt – Treasurer

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail
Treasurer Report: 1/1/10 - 7/31/10

		Dollars	
Opening Balance			\$ 15,280.91
Checking Account, 0.1%		\$ 15,280.91	
Income			
Donations		\$ 2,895.00	
Clean Portable Restrooms	\$ 250.00		
Harmon Foundation	\$ 2,500.00		
Other	\$ 145.00		
Interest (checking & CD's)		\$ 52.07	
Membership Fees		\$ 685.00	
Total Income		<u>\$ 3,632.07</u>	
Expenses			
Bird Houses		\$ 31.49	
Doggie Bags		\$ 245.00	
Easter Egg Hunt		\$ 406.91	
Fees - State and PayPal		\$ 85.51	
Insurance		\$ 832.00	
Kiosks		\$ 195.00	
Membership Decals		\$ 113.00	
Postage		\$ 52.80	
Stationery Supplies		\$ 35.98	
Trail Cleanups		\$ 56.88	
Website Development		\$ 300.00	
Total Expense		<u>\$ 2,354.57</u>	
Net Change			\$ 1,277.50
Closing Balance			<u>\$ 16,558.41</u>
Checking Account, 0.1%		\$ 6,462.72	
CD: 8/27/10, 6-mth, 0.8%		\$ 5,016.99	
CD: 3/27/11, 13-mth, 1.35%		\$ 5,028.70	
Open Spending Authorizations			<u>\$ 818.51</u>
Uncommitted Available Funds			\$ 15,739.90
Opening Spending Authorizations:			
		<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Expended</u>
			<u>Remaining</u>
# 09-04: Dog rule pamphlets	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
# 09-19: Kiosk hardware	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
# 09-20: Birdhouse materials	\$ 100.00	\$ 31.49	\$ 68.51
# 10-09: Trail website development	\$ 900.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
			<u>\$ 818.51</u>

- Nancy Wojick-Secretary

- Renewals have been weak. We did get 2 new members at the Silver level.
- An email request will be sent out asking for help with the Mason's Craft Fair Table on August 21.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Nancy reported that we had been contacted via the Yahoo mail about the existence of an American Flowering Elm tree along the trail by Susan Elliot. This is a rare and endangered species. We went and took some photos, did some measurements to document it with the Society that monitors these trees. There is no guarantee that it will survive but presently it is looking good.
- There has been increased graffiti and vandalism of signs on the stretch beginning by the quarry access toward the Wendy's. Dave said he thought Parks was aware and taking care of it.

The next meeting will be held September 7.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM