

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes of the General Meeting April 3, 2012

- President Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- There were 13 members and 7 guests present.

Guests:

Ellen Freedman of MWRH and Healthy Futures, partnering with walkboston.org, presented Healthy Future's new brochure highlighting the Trail and other accessible walking routes in Milford. The program features healthy walking and local business support. They are using the theme, "The Little Engine That Could." [Original author, Mabel Bragg, born and raised in Milford] Ellen distributed the brochures and will be distributing to sponsors and community locations throughout Milford.

Joseph Nunez of Troop 18 presented his Eagle Scout project of the trail kiosk on Rte. 109 by CVS. Joseph attends BVT in the carpentry program, and is building the kiosk, copying the design of the existing Louisa Lake kiosk. He is looking for donations for cement and an auger rental. BVT is contributing lumber. The cost for cement and rental auger will be around \$150.

Margaret Myatt made a motion to authorize up to \$150 to cover cement and rental of auger for installation. Seconded by Reno Deluzio. Reno asked that Joseph contact and get approval of the design by Mike Nicholson of the Milford Disabilities Commission. The vote was postponed until further in the meeting.

Jacob Bogner of Ben Franklin Charter School in Franklin. For his Capstone project for graduation, he installed a handicapped barrier in the first pull-out area by Louisa Lake. He presented the completion of his project, and submitted receipts totaling \$108.69.

Margaret made a motion to authorize \$2.39 for the total \$102.39 of total receipts. \$100.00 had already been authorized for the project in November, 2011. Reno seconded. The vote was postponed until further in the meeting.

- Theresa Mazzerelli motioned to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Seconded by Sheldon Moniz. Passed unanimously.

Officers and Committee Reports:

Chairman, Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee – Reno DeLuzio

The Walden Woods developer attended the Planning Board meeting on March 6th proposing to build the Trail's phase 3 if he could waive requirements for the development. (Age 55 and over restriction.) The proposal was approved and phase 3 should be completed within two years. Moving forward, Holliston wants to connect to Milford, but Milford is 480 feet short of the Holliston line. The Trail Committee will working with Holliston to complete surveying, construction, and drainage. There is money in the Milford Trail reserves, so the committee won't have to request funds from Town Meeting. In general, the Milford Trail Committee is in very good financial shape.

President – Pat Rosenthal

No particular report outside of general meeting discussions.

Vice President – Dave Cassinelli

Dave was absent and had not submitted a report ahead of time.

Treasurer – Tom Myatt

Tom was absent, but Margaret Myatt reported for him. No significant activity.

Secretary – Margaret Myatt

There are currently 75 members. Many new members are from out-of-town.

Directors

With John Edmondson's resignation, there is an opening for a Director that was announced at our February meeting. According to bylaws, the vacancy was announced two weeks prior. (previous meeting) Nancy nominated Dick Flocks to fill the position. Seconded by Theresa Mazzerelli. Passed unanimously.

Maintenance and Enhancements

The spring clean-up date is April 21st, with a rain date of April 28th. Adopt-a-Trail sponsors, such as The Masons, will take care of their section. Other participants should meet at Fino Field, 9:00 am to receive directions. All should bring brooms and rakes.

Adopt-a-Trail: Dick Flocks is taking over this program. Sections are available.

Benches: Dave Cassinelli will coordinate bench requests and Nancy Wojick has a request for one in the phase 2 area approaching Hopkinton. There was a general discussion about a "disability enhancements" bench program in addition to the "memorial" bench program.

Barrels: Parks Department has offered to provide barrels for the new section. Dick Flocks can get plastic barrels for \$15 each, but we will not expend until the Parks Dept. responds. We will use 30 gallon barrels, not 55 gallon.

Miscellaneous Maintenance: Reno suggested formalizing communication to the Parks Dept. for on-going maintenance including stone dust sweeping and barrel emptying.

Trail Website Committee – Theresa Mazzerelli

Theresa reported that the website is up and running. No discussion with regard to the handouts on website protocol. There was general discussion about how to move forward with the webmaster with regard to contracts, deadlines, etc.

Old Business

Margaret made a motion to spend up to \$150 for decals for new members. Seconded by Nancy Wojick. Passed unanimously.

Nancy made a motion to support Jacob Bogner's Eagle Scout kiosk project with up to \$150. Seconded by Brett Staupe. Passed unanimously.

New Business

Margaret moved to purchase "officers and directors" insurance for the next year for \$923. Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.

Reno moved to spend \$163.50 (\$200 already authorized) on government filing expenses. Dick Flocks seconded. Passed unanimously. Margaret will submit attorney general documents this week.

Margaret moved to spend up to \$150 for Joseph Nunez's expenses for the installation of the new kiosk near CVS trail head. Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously. Joseph will submit invoices for payment.

Margaret moved to spend up to \$100 for chaining and security devices to secure sandwich boards for the upcoming clean up and other events. Brett seconded. Passed unanimously. Nancy will be making the purchases.

Reno moved to spend up to \$100 for the upcoming spring clean-up expenses which will include bags, gloves, and Seconded by John Edmondson. Passed unanimously.. Nancy will be making the purchases.

Conclusion

President Pat highlighted that the Trail count dates of Saturday May 19th , 7:00 am – 7:00 pm and the weekday, Wednesday, May 16th with shifts of 7:00 am – 9:00 am, 12 noon – 2:00 pm ,and 4:00 pm – 7 00 pm..

It was not announced, but the next meeting will be held on 5/1/2012 at 7:00 pm at the Milford Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.