

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes of the General Meeting June 5, 2012

- President Pat Rosenthal, absent, Vice President Dave Cassinelli called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- There were seven members and four guests present.
- Motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the May meeting.

Guests:

Michele DaFonte is the Office Coordinator of School Based Health Center, Blackstone Valley Tech High School. She offered that the BVT Artworks students create murals along the trail. There was discussion about where murals would be appropriate, and would it work for the students to over-paint existing, profane graffiti. The suggestion was made to have the students walk the trail and make specific site proposals.

BVT is also offering student writers to develop trail stories with emphasis on the memorial benches. There are 17 benches and only some of them are memorial benches. Stories could be published on the trail website, The Patch, and Milford Crier. Dave will get contact information to Michele.

Officers and Committee Reports:

Chairman, Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee – Reno DeLuzio

Missing link updates – interested people met on the leg near Sacred Heart and Mt. Pleasant Street. There was agreement on re-configuring a playground and other adjoining properties.

Parks and Recreation new budget wasn't increased for 2012-2013, but it plans to rectify that soon. Reno emphasized the importance of parks department to maintain the trail. Also, there was discussion about the responsibilities of the adopt-a-trail participants.

President – Pat Rosenthal – Absent, but reported by Dave

Dave provided Pat's summary of the trail count project. Pat will share counts with other communities and WMRC. In general, it was a successful project with many volunteers.

Nancy made a motion to not have a July meeting. Brett seconded, passed unanimously. Next meeting August 7th.

October, 2014 is target/deadline for missing link completion.

Trail Website Committee – Theresa Mazzarelli

All is well. Theresa is working well with webmaster Greg Lamb. There was discussion about updates, etc. New stories, new map, and all is up-to-date. Also, Facebook is very active.

Maintenance and Enhancements

Brian Dignazio, troop 18 wants to build a kiosk for Hopkinton.

Bench program: Walter Lobisser, is looking at locations, etc.

Harold Rhodes wants a handicapped bench. Or more. Mike Nicholson of the Milford Disability Commission is involved. Handicap accessibility may include backing, handrails, warning footings and so forth. Money to go to the Milford Disability Commission, then go to the trail for at least one bench, maybe more.

Safety at Senior Center. New safety signs saying, "Trail Ends" will be erected (authorized in May meeting) and perhaps new gates or "jogs" will be installed.

Miscellaneous updates: No blower purchase yet. Discussed: Citgo station debris, and other debris behind buildings in Holliston side trail, Dunkin Donuts – old skateboard park equipment. Reported, but no one remembers seeing that. Trail mile markings – no activity or update.. Misc. signs getting fixed.

Adopt-a-Trail update – Dick Flook absent. James and Arienne Brundrett want to adopt section 12 (Senior Center section) Reno moved, Nancy seconded. Approved unanimously. Sign will say Baundrett family.

Brett Staupe wants to adopt section 16 (Beaver St. to Holliston St. line section) Reno moved to approve pending paperwork, Nancy seconded. Approved unanimously. Sign will say, Brett Staupe.

Vice President – Dave Cassinelli

No report

Treasurer – Tom Myatt - Absent

Secretary Margaret Myatt circulated the treasurer report.

Motion to close out # 11-10, a motion for trash barrels to be removed. Dave moved to close it out. Reno seconded. Parks Dept. is supplying all trash. Passed unanimously.

Nancy moved for additional adopt-a – trail signs and hardware, \$300. Reno seconded. Passed unanimously.

Recent website expenditures required no additional motion – already allocated.

Secretary – Margaret Myatt

No particular report.

Old Business

Should there be any fencing by back of bank – discussed last meeting. Reno said we cannot take action until Mass Highway signs off on town responsibility.

New Business

No new business

Conclusion

Next meeting August 7th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM. Dave motion, Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously