

Friends of the Upper Charles Trail

Meeting 8/7/12 Minutes

In attendance were Pat Rosenthal, John Edmondson, Tom Reardon, Theresa Mazzairelli and Jim Cockroft. Theresa made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting and it was accepted.

President Report (Pat Rosenthal):

1. Reviewed email requesting confirmation of Eagle scout project completion by Joe Nunez of kiosk at Route 109 trailhead.
2. Numerous complements have been received on the project completed by girl scouts.
3. Reviewed email from Robert Weidknecht & Margaret Myatt re: railroad & granite quarry history article publication permissions

Reno DeLuzio Notes:

1. Issue continues with the warning lights by route 85 not always working since approximately the end of June. Question whether it has to do with the sensors, solar panels or brush covering solar panels thus not completely recharging the batteries. Group acknowledged that it is a town issue and not the group and town has been notified of issue.

M&E Co-Chair/Director Report (Nancy Wojick)

1. Issue with lights at route 85 reported
2. Erosion by tree; ground is all dried up and grass needs to be grown or area needs to be covered with mulch, stones etc in order to stop dirt from washing away
3. Route 85 stone dust migration on slope near Hopkinton trailhead, Mike Bresciani was asked to plant grass.
4. Route 109 trash on personal property alongside trail
5. Dave is in possession of adopt a trail signs
6. Stone dust issue by Route 495; Cut made parallel to trail
7. Cover broke off pull box by senior center that is by trail ends here sign.
8. Signage on kiosk by CVS needed

M&E Co-Chair/VP Report (Dave Cassinelli)

1. Hopkinton scout requesting to do kiosk project.
2. Handicap bench proposal
3. Hal Rhodes is interested in donating at least 1 or possibly more benches; No location or locations selected as yet.

Treasurer June Report (Tom Myatt)

1. \$3,516 in expenses received since last meeting
2. \$1,200 increase in available funds since last meeting
3. Pat reviewed all allocated items.

Website Committee

1. Scheduled meeting for 8/15/12
2. Facebook had 181 like hits and consequently with friends of those approximately 50,000 have visited site.
3. Most hits were from area around Brandeis University
4. Most popular hit was Nunez project and that totaled 159

Next meeting will be on 9/4/12 and at that time there will be a vote for new Directors of the Group.

Dick resigned from Adopt a Trail and question remained about use of his phone number on website and his future involvement in sponsor program.

Discussed ideas on how to get more people involved with Friends of the Trail.

Discussed inviting guest speaker to next meeting, someone from trail group from surrounding town, manager at Chanel 5 who viewed website.