

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes of the General Meeting June 4, 2013

- President Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- 11 members and 1 non-member were present.

Updates presented by President Pat Rosenthal:

The Blackstone Valley Tech project team was invited to provide an update of the painting / mural on the Senior Center spur fence but no one was present. Attendees stated that white wash clean up of the fence had happened, but the mural wasn't painted yet.

Milford Police department representatives were not there, but liaison John Edmondson was present. He said the police reps won't come to meetings every month, but occasionally and when requested.

Pat mentioned heavy traffic of young people. Also, there was an email about unleashed dogs, so we'll have to contact dog officer Rochelle Thompson. John Edmondson will contact her.

A trail supporter from Ashland had helped with trail counts. He started a bike club in Ashland and wants the communities to start bike clubs. He had pointed out that the trail signage is incorrect about age for helmets. Our signs need to be corrected. Reno agreed. Four signs need to be updated.

The Milford Police Department received a \$3000 grant to promote safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Perhaps the grant can be directed to signage on the trail.

Report on trail census: The counts are lower, but not by much. Modest changes in statistics will be posted on the trail web site. The blinking lights have count technology and there was general discussion about whether we can utilize this technology.

Dave Cassinelli, Vice President was not present, but Pat reported for him: There is a request for a new memorial bench from Donna Russucitti and he is working on it.

Motion: Tom Myatt moved to approve the minutes from the April and May meetings. Seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Updates presented by Reno Deluzio, Milford Trail Committee:

Reno met with 'the developer' about the missing link, and arranged a meeting with the planning board. A notice to abutters went out. Cutting and clearing will happen June and July. There is a need to re-configure Mt. Pleasant/Milford Catholic playground and move the playground. Reno met with principal of Milford Catholic. The contractor will go every month to the planning board meetings.

Richard Packer from Holliston suggested a sign to guide trail users to Rte. 109 at the Rte. 109/Rte. 16 fork. There was general discussion about how to direct trail users in the right direction.

Update from Tom Myatt, Treasurer: No changes in finances. There is about \$15,000 for available spending.

Update from Margaret Myatt, Secretary: No changes and membership hovers at about 70 members.

Website update: Web site and Facebook coordinator Theresa Mazzarelli was not present, but she asked for the trail wish list to be reviewed. Pat revised the list based on input and the consensus is to have the trail as maintenance-free as possible.

Maintenance and Enhancements updates: Dave and Nancy were not present. But Nancy had report that she had ordered and attached new "Welcome" signs to the kiosks at Louisa Lake and CVS. These signs remind users to lock their cars and secure valuables. They have multiple contact phone numbers also. I have to get a smaller

one made for the Sacred Heart kiosk due to its smaller size. I have another one waiting for the Hopkinton trailhead kiosk to be finished. CVS Kiosk: a large logo was placed on the blank side of the kiosk so that it would be visible from Rt. 109. I also added a "You Are Here" star to the existing map as suggested by a trail user. In addition the Welcome sign was placed on the kiosk.

Motion: Tom moved to allocate an additional \$400 for signage. Seconded. Passed unanimously. There was discussion about best use of signs: The missing link, Sacred Heart kiosk, etc. .

It was highlighted that planted trees by the CVS kiosk were dead but it was not known as to who planted them. It was suggested that the Boy Scout that built the kiosk may have planted them.

Jim Brundrett volunteered to share updates with Milford Patch.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjourned 8:16 pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 6th.

Pat reminded everyone that the Sept. 3rd meeting will have elections and 4 officers are up for election.