

Minutes

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – January 7, 2014

President Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

In Attendance:

8 Members

1 Non-members

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Motion to approve meeting minutes, seconded, passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Susan Tieuli-Gala– She attended the meeting to make a bench request. She had spoken to Tom about the request. Her family originally moved from Italy to Milford and their house was right by the original entrance to the trail. She is looking to have a bench put in at Fino Field, specifically by Fino Field Hill.

Tom walked along the trail but it was hard to tell if it would be feasible to put a bench along the area Susan and her family is thinking of. There was no objection to the location of the bench.

Update presented by Reno Deluzio, Milford Trail Committee: With the weather getting colder and snow on the ground, phase 3 has halted for the moment. He is working out the details for bollards and gates. There are no major issues with phase 3; it is just working out the final details for certain areas of the trail.

The maintenance log is still an issue. Nancy and Reno are still working on the best way to keep track of the log.

Updates presented by Pat Rosenthal, President: The maintenance agreement has been signed and everyone is aware of his or her responsibilities.

There have been a few inquiries about the trail:

Marjorie Turner Holman from Bellingham is writing a book about local trails and is interested in including the Milford Upper Charles Trail. She is going to try and come to the February meeting.

A scout, Justin Stiles, is interested in doing an Eagle Scout project along the trail. Several attempted meetings needed to be rescheduled. From what he has said in his emails he is thinking of a “three-walled structure” along Louisa Lake.

Jim Brundrett has agreed to work with local scouts as they explore potential community service or eagle scout projects with the Friends.

Barry Rosenblum from the Hopkinton Trail Committee. He reached out to the Friends for guidance on putting together a Friends group. What they are looking to do is a little different than what Friends of Milford do since Hopkinton has no funding to develop their trail & are looking for their friends group to do fundraising to help fund their trail development.

On Saturday, January 11, 2014 there will be an initial planning meeting for the Trail Symposium. This meeting would discuss picking a date, location, and guest speaker.

Pizza Palace, which is one of our sponsors, asked if he could do some kind of fundraiser, possibly in the springtime.

Update presented by Tom Myatt, Treasurer: The year-end statement (01/01/2013 – 12/31-2013) indicates a total income of \$9,200.59, total expenses of \$6,109.98 that results in a net change of \$3,090.61. Open spending authorizations amount to \$3,543.89 and there is \$14,834.77 of uncommitted Available Funds.

Motion: To close all open spending authorizations. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Motions opened for the 2014:

Motions	Amount
Government filing fees	\$100
Paypal fees	\$50
Leaf Blower Gas & Maintenance	\$200
Trail Cleanup & Maintenance Expenses	\$300
Administrative supplies	\$200
Doggie Station Bags	\$1,200
Cassinelli Bench (collected donations)	\$2,200
Website Development & Hosting	\$2,000
Trail Symposium/Open House	\$200
Director & Office Insurance	\$1,000
Trail Signage/AATP	\$1,000
Phase 3 Completion / Ribbon Cutting	\$1,000
Total motions approved	\$9,450

Update presented by Katie Siciak, Secretary: Have been following up with any inquiries that come through the email and passing them along to the appropriate parties. The current membership count is at 67 members.

Update from the Social Media Committee: The annual sponsor drive will be January – March. The hope is that we maintain our current sponsors.

The website was updated with a fall cleanup story. Dave Cassinelli's story has been archived. Looking for a few other stories to be written for the websites. Ideas for stories are the Hopkinton Trail Kiosk and Critter Visit's donation.

Mike Morrison has been trying to coordinate times with Pat and Margaret to do interviews but the weather has interfered. The interviews will be the first episode of "Trail Talk".

Mike is looking to coordinate meetings with the Police Department to have an episode about safety on the trail. Another episode would be to use the trail in the winter, since the trail is a "trail for all seasons".

Update presented by Nancy Wojick/Pat Rosenthal - M&E Committee: An Adopt-a-Trail sign was ripped out of the ground and thrown into the Charles River. Things have been quiet since it has been a lot colder out. Not much negative activity along the trail.

Annual Cleanup Dates:

Spring Cleanup: Saturday, April 26th, 2014 -- Rain Date: Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Fall Cleanup: Saturday, October 25, 2014 – Rain Date: Saturday, November 1, 2014

Trail Census Date:

Saturday, May 17, 2014

Next meeting will be February 4, 2014 at 7pm.

Motion to amend at 8:40pm.