

# Minutes

## **Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail**

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – April 8, 2014

President Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

### **In Attendance:**

Members 8

Non-members 11

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Presenter: Alex Hastings – Life Scout of Troop 4 Milford:** Upper Charles Trail Eagle Scout Project. Alex presented his idea for an Eagle Scout project. He would like to install historical placards. He is looking to have his signs be weather resistant. The signs would consist of historical facts about Milford and the trail. Areas of interest would be the beginning of the trail and around Louisa Lake. Benefits to the community of this project would be the sharing of the historical aspects of the trail that will be provided to trail users. Concern was raised for the susceptibility to vandalism and that should be incorporated into the project planning.

**Presenter: Michelle Dafonte & Students– Mural and Granite Bench Histories:** Their hope is to bring together students from each of the towns comprising the Upper Charles Trail. They would like to start a way of networking to the different schools to make announcements and find more volunteers for trail events that would foster leadership development as well as community involvement. The idea of a Junior Friends group as part of the Friends organization was proposed and received positive feedback from members in attendance. The students are looking to start interviewing for the Granite Bench stories this summer for the time capsule archive project.

### **Updates presented by Pat Rosenthal, President:**

The 2014 Trail Symposium had roughly 150 people in attendance including representatives from the 5 trail towns, political speakers & local officials. Thank you to Milford Cable for their coverage of this event & sharing with the communities.

Thank you to Dick Flooks for a very successful sponsorship drive! There are 26 sponsors listed at [www.milfordtrail.org](http://www.milfordtrail.org).

The upcoming cleanup is on April 26<sup>th</sup>. We have received correspondence from Amy Donahue whose CCD students are looking for service hours.

Megan Woodworth also contacted the trail about volunteer opportunities.

**Update presented by Tom Myatt, Treasurer:** A lot of income has been generated especially from the sponsorships. There was an expenditure for Trail Decals.

**Update presented by Katie Siciak, Secretary:** We have received a few different inquiries through the trail email. Some have asked about putting additional trash receptacles along the trail to prevent people from leaving their trash. I told them it is something I'd bring up at the meeting to discuss what we can do. There was also concern about some of the cross walks and lights that were not working for a period of time but have since been fixed and are currently working.

**Update presented by Mike Morrison:** 4 Episodes have been completed. They should be uploaded onto YouTube and be airing on TV. Milford TV will also be at the cleanup to film the community volunteering and cleaning up along the trail. You can view the episodes that have aired here online. [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=milfordtv+trail](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=milfordtv+trail)

**M&E Committee:** Nancy has been taking inventory of items for the cleanup. Nancy also emailed J Erickson about the issue of the trash by the gas station. She also included a picture of the trash. The signs from Kerry Pepe about Lyme Disease are posted on the kiosks.

**Social Media & Website:** The sponsors logos are all updated on the website. Pizza Palace is going to doing a fundraiser on Patriot's day and what they raise, the proceeds are going to go towards the trail. Looking for new stories from Brian Diganzio and Kerry Pepe to post on the website.

**New Business:** Milford's farmers' market starts in June. This year it will be down by the Water Co. They are looking to drive more foot traffic and reference the trail to reduce congestion on Dilla Street.

**Motion:** Tom moves to allocate \$400 for Trail Decals, Seconded, Approved.

Next meeting will be May 6, 2014 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm.