

Minutes

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – May 6, 2014

President Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

In Attendance:

Members: 11

Non-members: 3

Approval of Minutes:

There is one change to the April Meeting Minutes. Nancy Wojick contacted John Erickson regarding junk cars on the section by Prezo. She had noted the gas station trash on a list of problem trash areas.

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

Presenter: Kim Cohen, Hockomock YMCA: The Hockomock YMCA is a not-for-profit charitable community service organization covering 15 communities. They work with Walk Boston and Milford Healthy Futures. They want to create a map of the walking trails in the communities. They are really looking to encourage people to get out and moving in order to promote healthy lifestyles and stop the obesity epidemic. They currently have about 45 active participants that help raise awareness of the movement. Walk Boston & Healthy Futures are interested in partnering with the Friends organization.

Guest, Ed Donegan, Milford Resident: He emailed Friends about the bench he had put in along the trail and wanted to know if it should be updated to a granite bench like the other ones along the trail. Tom invited him to the meeting so he could get the opinion from the others at the meeting. The consensus is that everyone likes the bench that is there and it wouldn't be necessary to conform to match the other benches. Ed would like to do a granite bench and is going to work with Tom on the cost and design.

Guest, Marjorie Turner Hollman, Publisher and Author of *Easy Walks in Massachusetts*. She wrote and published this book to help people find local walking trails for them to get out and walk.

Updates presented by Reno Deluzio: He met with the engineer and contractor about moving forward with the phase 3 of the trail. There is one more flashing beacon across Hayward St. Originally they weren't looking to put in a flashing beacon but they proposed this option and it was received with a favorable outlook on putting that in.

Updates presented by Pat Rosenthal, President: We are looking for volunteers for the trail census. We had about 18-20 people come out for the spring cleanup. Compassion New England who is an adopter, had their own cleanup and they had a great turn out. Planet Aid came out and had their cleanup this week and their portion looks good. The Vineyard Church went out on the original clean up date and cleaned their portion of the trail. Other adopter organizations participated along with other volunteers.

Update presented by Tom Myatt, Treasurer: We have collected about \$400 in membership and the only real expenditure is PayPal fees. We are pulling in more than we are spending.

Update presented by Katie Siciak, Secretary: We have received a few emails regarding trash along the trail. This issue is being handled. We may be putting additional trash receptacles along problem areas. We currently have 258 subscribers to the trail monthly newsletter.

Update presented by Mike Morrison: We had the TV people come out for the cleanup. They did a couple interviews with Mike and Pat. She said it's going to be a part of the Milford Informers show. The next on the project on the list is doing an interview with the Milford Farmer's market group. It will now be along the trail near the Water Co.

Update presented by Nancy Wojak, M&E Committee: There are a couple issues along the trail, there is a new sinkhole on the section behind the Bradbury house along Rte 85. There is also some ugly graffiti on the Beaver St section headed toward Zain Ridge . She also put in an order for dog bags.

Bench Update: Cassinelli Bench - still looking for confirmation for that location. Tom is also working on the Tiueli-Gala bench plans.

Social Media & Website: Richard is doing a fabulous job with the website. He is very quick with updates and changes. We are always looking for people to write stories /provide content for the website.

Below are some stats for the website for the month of April:

Monthly Stats Report: 1 Apr - 30 Apr 2014

Project: Milfordtrail.org

URL: <http://milfordtrail.org>

Summary

	Page Loads	Unique Visits	First Time Visits	Returning Visits
Total	1,422	1,107	1,010	97
Average	47	37	34	3

New Business: Reno Deluzio – The town has a Selectman making a proposal to put 200 acres in the Conservation Commission jurisdiction for the land adjacent to the trail along Dilla St. The individuals in attendance agreed by unanimous vote, that the Friends should support the idea of the conservation of this property. Pat will write a letter to the selectmen on behalf of the Friends group acknowledging our support.

Motion: Reno moves to support the Article 17 at the Town Meeting.

Next meeting will be June 3, 2014 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm.