

# Minutes

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

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – June 3, 2014

President Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

### **In Attendance:**

Members 10

Non-members 2

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Presenter: Reno Deluzio:** Phase 3 – we are having a difficult time. The contractor has stopped work, he hasn't done anything since the winter. There was meeting in April with Reno, the contractor and the town engineer. He assured them that he would be back to work but nothing has been done. They had another meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> about getting back to work but there have been numerous excuses thrown around by the contractor. Reno and the engineer have a few open items that they need to discuss, for example the stockade fencing to be put in along phase 3.

**Presenter: Arlen Johnson:** HIT THE TRAIL FOR CHARITY WALK-A-THON: This is planned for Sunday, October 12, 2014, starting at Fino Field. There will be food, entertainment and children's activities. Dogs are allowed. Arlan is here to update us on the planning progress of this walk-a-thon. Fino Field has not been reserved yet so the time is still tentative. There were a variety of questions on the non-profit group that is in the process of being established for this fundraiser & the Friends will wait for additional info to the ideas presented prior to any actions.

**Updates presented by Pat Rosenthal, President:** We had planned to do the trail census however we cancelled due to bad weather predictions. We have postponed until later in the year or next year with the intent of including Phase 3 section in the counts. We have several years of usage stats available in the archive section of the website. There have been a few incidents along the trail with bikers. It is proposed to post something about safety on social media etc.

**Update presented by Tom Myatt, Treasurer:** \$600 received towards the purchase of the Donegan memorial bench & \$210 in membership fees and there was an expenditure for doggie waste bags.

Memorial benches: The Cassinelli bench, the location has been approved and Tom needs to speak with Jan about moving forward with it. The Donegan bench is in process.

**Update presented by Katie Siciak, Secretary:** The email subscription list remains at 257 and the memberships remain around 70. We have had numerous email/Facebook correspondences about unleashed dogs and dog waste along the trail. Going forward we will ask trail users to report the offense immediately to the Animal Control Officer &

recommend thus avoiding potential confrontations. If possible, to take a picture and send to Animal Control officer, police or Friends for further actions.

<http://milford.ma.us/pages/departments/animal-control.php>

Pat took the action to follow up with Rochelle Thomson, Milford Animal Control Officer.

**M&E Committee:** There have been closures along the trail to remove trees. There have been signs posted and notices on Facebook, Twitter & email but people ignored them and caused the work to stop. The next closure is Wednesday June 4 from Louisa Lake to the Wendy's to cut down two trees at the top of the hilly section where erosion has been a continuing safety concern. Bill Kavanaugh recommended that a third tree also be removed here as additional action proposed would provide a leveling off in this area. Nancy has looked into a paint that can be used to cover up the graffiti under the 495 under pass. She is also working with the town departments to have the junk cars removed along the section between Rte 109 & 16.

**Social Media & Website:** Mike met with the Milford TV and Jen from the Milford Farmer's Market. They filmed a short segment about how to get to the farmer's market from the trail.

**Old Business:** Nancy reported connecting with the Girls Scout troop installing a Little Library box in the Louisa Lake area and she is looking to see where we decided to have them installed. It was recommended that they deal with Mike Bresciani directly since this is an area adjacent to the trail.

**New Business:**

**Motion:** Tom moves to authorize up to \$1500 each for the Donegan and Gala benches, seconded, approved.

**Motion:** Nancy moves to spend up to \$500 on paint and paint supplies for trail maintenance, seconded, approved.

Next meeting will be August 5, 2014 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm.