

Minutes

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – Sept 2, 2014

President Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

In Attendance:

13 Members, 2 Non-Members

Approval of Minutes:

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

Reno DeLuzio, Trail Committee Chair:

- Eastland Partners is making progress on Phase 3, a proposal to extend the completion date to Nov 30th was approved by the zoning board
- Ribbon Cutting ceremony could be Sat Oct 25th at 10am pending confirmation from Eastland Partners. Location for ceremony would be Hannaford Supermarket rear parking lot.
- There is a final trail abutters meeting on Sept 10th for the neighbors along the Phase 3 section.

Pat Rosenthal, President:

- Al Correia, That Milford Show on cable TV extended an invitation to be interviewed on October 8th.
- Waters Corp Health Fair – confirmed participation at this event on Nov 11 from 11-2. More details to follow from Ms Dale DeCoste
- Received & responded to memorial bench request from Bob Joyce, Franklin, MA. We have 2 people on a bench wait list now (Susan Taylor, Milford & Bob Joyce, Franklin) Currently there are 25-30 granite benches with a moratorium in place until phase 3 is completed. Question was asked re: bench costs with Tom Myatt providing \$1350-\$1500 as a ballpark figure dependent on the etching that is requested for a bench.
- Election of 3 directors & filling VP vacancy slated for tonight' meeting, roles & responsibilities provided to attendees for review. The director positions are 2 year positions, the VP position has 1 year remaining.

Tom Myatt, Treasurer:

- Tom passed around several copies of the treasurer's report with the following overview. The closing balance for August is \$20,449.30 with \$7,696.65 allocated to open spending authorizations (primarily benches) leaving \$12,752.65 in uncommitted available funds.
- Three benches to be installed this week: 1) Dave Cassinelli, Gala-Teuli family, Ed Donegan family

Katie Siciak, Secretary (absent):

- Tom Myatt indicated there are approx. 70 members currently (reporting for Margaret Myatt/Katie Siciak), consistent with prior months
- Website consumption: Total Unique Visits during Aug 2014 is 1,232 with 92% being first time visits. Sat & Sundays have the highest number of website views.

Nancy Wojick, M&E Committee Chair (absent):

- Nancy is working with Mike Bresciani, Parks Dept Director on several items including covering graffiti on Rte 495 underpasses, line painting, dog station location recommendation near Rte 85 & replacing several stop signs at the Rte 495 crossings that are badly faded & deteriorating.
- Follow up needed on the reflective tape for bollards & gates
- Annual Fall Cleanup date will be Sat Oct 18th from 9-noon & will include preparation for the Oct 25th ribbon cutting ceremony.

Social Media & Website:

- Mike Morrison has taped six (6) sessions with the Milford cable TV folks for the Trail Talk show.
- Mike will follow up with Cable TV for ribbon cutting coverage.

Old Business (Phase 3 Ribbon Cutting):

- Ribbon Cutting ceremony sub-committee will meet upon confirmation of Oct 25th date
- Care Group – Milford High School students has reached out to help for their volunteer hours
- Bill Kavanagh indicated that the area along Veteran’s Memorial Drive needs some clearing work, branches, shrubs, etc that may require assistance from Parks Dept. Pat asked Bill to work with Nancy to coordinate with Parks Dept.
- Dick Flocks reported that the Milford Police Dept has an ATV that can assist with handicapped transportation for the ribbon cutting
- Other thoughts for the ribbon cutting festivities include: bike raffle with bikes from PlanetAid, purchasing water bottles with the trail logo for sale or as Friend’s membership incentives
- Pat will check with Milford Police re: bike helmet donations
- Arlen Johnson provided an update on the “Hit the trail for Charity” walk he is organizing including the process for signing up a team & the process by which organizations would benefit from this walk. Support from the friends is desired, however the shape of that support is not totally clear. Pat took the action item to review the materials Arlen prepared, meet with the Friends board for a recommendation on how best to support this cause.

New Business:

- Board of Director elections were held to fill 3 director positions for 2 year terms & the vacant Vice President position for the remaining 1 year of the current term.
- The 3 existing directors were all nominated: Nancy Wojick, Guru Simran Kaur Khalsa-Bob & Sheldon Moniz & unanimously elected.
- Mike Morrison was nominated as Vice President & unanimously elected.

Next meeting will be October 7, 2014 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm.