

# Minutes

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

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – March 3, 2015

President Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

### **In Attendance:**

Members - Tom Myatt, Katie Siciak, Pat Rosenthal, Reno DeLuzio, Mark Tolpin, Nancy Wojick, Guru Simran Kaur Khalsa-Bob

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Updates presented by Reno Deluzio:** Met with Highway and Parks and Recreation. They have a few items from Phase 1 and Phase 2 that need to be fixed. He is planning to set up another meeting to discuss these items and get started on them.

**Updates presented by Pat Rosenthal, President:** Received email from Meghan Giacomuzzi who wants to plan a 2 or 3k walk in memory of her brother who passed away in 2012 from a heroin overdose. We will get back to her to let her know that she should get in touch with the town about planning this walk.

Marjorie Hollman Turner reached out about participating in the annual forum as a speaker or presenter. After talking with the other towns, it was said they didn't have much going on so they proposed to holding the forum every other year. We agreed with this so we will not have it this year.

**Update presented by Tom Myatt, Treasurer:** Total income: \$467.88, Total expense: \$111.12. Uncommitted funds: \$12,084.75.

**Update presented by Mike Morrison, Vice President:** Mike was unable to attend the meeting but he forwarded his update.

Trail Talk: no new episodes recorded since December. The interview with the Holliston trail folks had some severe audio problems, and they couldn't fix it at the studio, so we'll have to re-shoot that episode. I still need to schedule a suitable time with my guests. I plan to interview representatives of the Hopkinton, Ashland, and Sherborn trail committees in future episodes.

**Update presented by Katie Siciak, Secretary/ Social Media & Website:** The membership is at 68. We had about ~300 visitors in January to our website and about ~230 in February. A couple inquiries through the trail email were from Lisa Mandle about the upcoming Family Fun Fair at Milford High School. We decided that we would not like to participate.

**M&E Committee (Nancy Wojick/ Pat Rosenthal):** No maintenance on the trail due to the weather. We received an email from Boston University Community Service Center that is holding an event called Global Day of Service, where they send volunteers to sites in the Greater Boston Area to engage in service. This year it is taking place on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

We are tentatively scheduling of the trail census is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** Sponsor drive is taking place. Dick has drafted a letter to use for current sponsors and Katie will be tweaking it for an email to send out as well to current sponsors and potential sponsors.

The meet and greet that was tentatively scheduled for April will most likely be pushed back to May but it is something that we'd like to happen.

**New Business:** We discussed some ideas for spending some of the uncommitted funds:

- Reno suggested the idea of improving accessibility to the trail. Handicapped accessible quality benches were suggested by the new commissioner, Harold Rhodes, of the Disability Commission. Reno will provide copies of info from the commissioner.
- Mike suggested: "Ideas for spending the money in the Friends' bank account: one idea that I had after the January meeting was possibly using some funds to assist other towns in their efforts."
- Additional granite benches if we can figure out areas that would work

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at the Milford Library due to voting at Milford Senior Center  
Motion to adjourn at 7:56pm.