

Minutes

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – January 5, 2016

President Mike Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

In Attendance: Members – Gary Bonetti, Tom Myatt, Margaret Myatt, Reno Deluzio, Jerry Messenger, William Sanborn, Pat Rosenfeld, Guru Khalsa-Bob, Nancy Wojick, Phil Morales, Julie R. Morales, Mike Morrison.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Myatt moved and Reno Deluzio seconded to approve the minutes of the November, 2015 meeting. Passed unanimously
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Grooming the Trail Update: Jerry Messenger and Bill Sanborn have continued their research into the possibility of grooming the trail in winter. They found a company which makes sleds for grooming trails, and the sleds cost about \$900. The sled can be pulled by a snowmobile and weighs less than 500 pounds. Mike and Julie publicity and a letter to friends to ask if anyone has a snowmobile and would be willing to volunteer time to groom the trail.

VOTE: Reno moved and Tom seconded the creation of a Winter Use Committee. Passed unanimously. Committee members now include Jerry and Bill. President:

Vice-President Report Julie Morales reported they she was able to secure a grant from “20/20 Outreach”, an organization that underwrites websites for non-profit organizations. This is a change from purchasing GoDaddy Builder. There will be Google maps, an app for posting and the new cost will only be \$417 for ten years.

VOTE: Tom moved and Reno seconded to proceed with “20/20 Outreach”, at www.charityadvantage.com. Passed unanimously.

Julie reported that Holliston trail’s first night celebration was very successful and well attended.

Website stats: There were 300 page loads in December, 25 re-visits, and 231 new, unique visitors.

Reno Deluzio Milford Trail Committee Report: Regarding the easement across Walden Woods property, The Friends allocated \$4,000 for expenses, with the understanding that the Trail Committee will contribute \$2,000 to the Milford Commission on Disability handicapped accessibility project. For the the easement, engineering costs are estimated at \$850 and \$1,000 for the appraisal, total = \$1,850. The total work will cost \$5,000 but that will go to Town Meeting, not to the Friends. The Trail Committee will not have to allocate the additional \$2,000.

VOTE: Mike moved that \$2,000 be returned, un-committed to the Friends. Tom seconded. Passed unanimously.

Reno will be sending a note to the Walden Woods property owner that there are three options: 1) Donate the easement, 2) Receive \$5,000 for the easement, 3) Face potential of eminent domain seizure by town.

Regarding trail conditions: Reno is progressing on pedestrian push buttons on poles, signage, and yellow line painting from Mt. Pleasant Street to commuter parking lot.

Meet and Greet Committee: No update. Committee meeting is pending.

President Report: Research into memorial plaques, and each costs \$105 plus engraving (about \$17) and installation (cost unknown). Tom suggested three install per year and a discussion on where they should go. Mike and Julie have opened a Dropbox account for sharing files. On Milford TV, there is a new presentation on the Nationalgrid work. There is a new Town Crier initiative.

Maintenance: Nancy Wojick there is graffiti/vandalism on the handicapped bench, and EMC will be cleaning up that section. Also, action on the boulders on the Curoni property is pending. We are moving forward with doggie stations on Hayward Street.

Treasurer Report: Total income: \$560.78. Total expenses: \$27.45. Net change: \$533.33. Closing balance: \$19,716.77. Open spending authorizations: \$12,944.21. Uncommitted funds: \$6772.56.

Secretary Report: Secretary Katie Siciak was not present. Membership secretary Margaret Myatt report stable membership at about 67.

Website Sponsorship: General discussion on soliciting website sponsors. Julie said that Dick Flocks may return for that project. She also wants to consider a membership approach to sponsors.

Adjourn:

VOTE: Tom motioned to adjourn, Bill Sanborn seconded Passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 1, 2016.