

# Minutes

## Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – May 3, 2016

President Mike Morrison called to order at 7:05 pm

### In Attendance

Members: Mike Morrison, Julie R. Morales, Tom Myatt, Julianne Bonvino, Harold Rhodes, Pat Rosenthal, Bill Kavanaugh, Reno DeLuzio, Guru Khalsa-Bob, Gary Bonetti

Non-members: Tom Zimmerman, Connie Buynicki

### Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Reno DeLuzio moved to approve the amended minutes of April meeting, Pat Rosenthal seconded, passed unanimously.

### Updates:

- Reno DeLuzio had a meeting today with Scott Crisafulli (Highway Department), Mike Bresciani (Parks Department), and Harold Rhodes, regarding work to be done where the banking and two dikes are. Scott commented that bankings need to be redone because they are not up to standard with the DEP. They will be reseeding banks along the dike areas and said DEP probably won't allow us to put the Nargi and Taylor family granite benches on them. Scott said we can put the benches there but it could get petitioned by DEP. Both the Nargi and Taylor families need to be notified that they have to wait until the Highway Department gets approval. Pat said she would get in touch with them. They hope to have this fixed by the end of summer. The Highway Department will manage the traffic on the trail. Action: Julie moved that Pat contact the Nargi and Taylor families, seconded, passed unanimously.
- Tom Zimmerman, Cubmaster of Pack 67 spoke about getting his troop involved in projects that are environmentally sound, getting boys outdoors in the local community, and would like to start a more permanent relationship. The Cub Scouts are ages 6-11, and Eagle Scouts are ages 14-16. Pat noted that birdhouses and kiosks were past Eagle Scout projects. Pat asked if they would like to adopt a section of the trail, and Tom is interested as it would give them ownership. They would like to do a project or adoption right away. Harold offered to introduce Tom to Dr. Gilmore to bring the Cubs out on the trail. Tom will present a checklist of the Cub requirements for the outdoor ethics awards and activities. Tom wants to introduce his district executive to the committee so that he can communicate and get all local troops involved in projects and possibly create patches for certain projects that can be completed along the trail and other town trails. Julie wanted to clarify that he wants to adopt a section just for his pack. Tom said yes, but others may be incorporated if they have a patch involved. Tom suggested we put an updated wish list on our website. Mike suggested possible projects would be another kiosk near Milford/Holliston town line with two maps, or another doggie waste station somewhere.
- Harold Rhodes updated the committee that Beals & Thomas are doing wonderful civil engineering work. Had the meeting today to finalize everything. The audio script has been put together and reviewed by many, and they are aiming for it to be a Smartphone app which could be linked to the website. He showed drawings of the profile unit which will be half in English and half in braille. At the 1 1/2 mile marker will be the end of the trail where there is a bench and area for wheelchairs. They are also going to put an accessible bench near the fishing pier. There will be tactile plates along the way so they will safely stay along the trail. Scott and Mike B want to talk to us about the boat ramp and yellow barrier. There is going to be a tactile plate there and Harold thought there maybe should be some fencing along the side. Scott and Mike B asked for additional warning signage to identify that bikes need go slow in that area. Demetra Edwards is working on it, and it will not come out of our budget. Scott also noted we should have an entrance to the gazebo from the parking lot which is something that the Parks Department would handle. Next step Harold is going to write up everything needed and will come back with a complete budget in about 4 weeks. A lot is being donated but if it is over \$8000 that Friends has allotted, the Commission on Disabilities will pay for anything over that. Julie asked what material the unit would be made of. Hopewell Manufacturing is going to build it, similar to other units. Julie also asked if there would be a Spanish version of the audio tour. Google voice will be used, so they can do any language they want. Harold noted that this is the first trail in the state to have this capability, and there will be lots of PR around it. They are shooting for September for the grand opening.

- Connie Buynicki would like a memorial on the trail for Karen Hall. Julie had suggested a granite paver around base of kiosk at Louisa Lake, but recalled that Reno took issue with having a paver on the edge of the trail. Connie has \$200 to put towards a memorial of some kind. Pat suggested when they put in the handicap work, maybe they could put in a paver at that point. Mike thought the total cost with lettering would be a little over \$200. Connie noted that she would pay out of pocket anything over the \$200. Julie suggested another butterfly garden, flower garden or tree, with a border around it near the butterfly garden, with a small plaque but we need to make sure it couldn't be vandalized. Connie liked the garden or tree idea with small plaque at foot of the tree, something simple. Mike will look further into pricing.

**Updates presented by Mike Morrison, President**

- M&E – Mike reported on behalf of Nancy that Beelines has repainted all the markers along the entire trail. He also noted that on the corner of Carroll Street and Lena Lane (Phase III) people are parking there and can actually drive onto the trail at that point. Nancy will keep pressure on Scott to put a barrier there.
- Friends of the Dover Greenway – Mike has been giving them information and spoke with them about Holliston trail.
- Management of Friends' Facebook page passed onto Julianne.
- Emily Macri contacted the Friends about a charity walk/run on the trail. She was told to contact the town first to get a permit and then go from there.
- Brett Staube reported that someone posted on the Milford Community Board on Facebook about human waste on the trail off of Sumner St, behind Benjamin Moore. Mike sent a note to the Board of Health and Chief of Police to notify them of this issue.
- Mike was in contact with Rob Davis of Vineyard Church about work on Hopkinton trail and Mike will do a Trail Talk.

**Updates presented by Julie Rosenthal Morales, Vice President**

- Julie is working on the website design/changes. She discussed new ideas for tabs on the site which would include the adoption and sponsor forms being available via a drop down menu, tab for an open wish list, tab to listen to the audio tour of the trail, FAQ tab to address basic questions about pets, event info, etc., and Google Maps where people can post pictures from the trail. Picture posting will be open to the public for a short time, then to a closed group going forward. Julie will bring her laptop to next meeting to demo the new site.

**Update presented by Tom Myatt, Treasurer**

- Tom distributed copies of April Treasurer Report.

Total Income: \$1,938.23  
 Total Expense: \$1,510.18  
 Closing Balance: \$19,611.49  
 Open Spending Authorizations: \$12,011.48  
 Uncommitted Available Funds: \$7,600.01  
 Open Spending Authorizations:  
     Authorized: \$15,850.00  
     Expended: \$ 3,838.52  
     Remaining: \$12,011.48

**Update presented by Julianne Bonvino, Secretary**

- 2 new members in April, current total 70.

**New Business**

- Celebrate Milford schedule set: Gary Bonetti and Julianne Bonvino will set up and take the first shift, 9:30-11:30; Guru and Pat Rosenthal will take the second shift, 1130-1:30, Tom and Margaret Myatt will take 1:30-3:30, and 3:30 -5:30 will be covered by Gary and Marty Sanborn. Mike will be available as a back-up.

- Pat has revised the adoption form to add responsibilities, and took out the automatic renewal wording.
- Pat proposed that we make another section behind Prezo/Aldi. Action: Julie moved to create new section from CVS to Prezo, from crossing light to Prezo, Gary seconded, passed unanimously.
- New adopters: Paul Gunaratnam will adopt the new section from CVS to Prezo, and Gary and Marty Sanborn want to adopt section 3 and name it Litter Critters.  
Action: Pat moved for Paul Gunaratnam to adopt as per his application the CVS to Prezo section, Tom seconded, passed unanimously.  
Action: Pat moved for Gary and Marty Sanborn to adopt section 3 naming in Litter Critters, Julie seconded, passed unanimously.
- The Milford Junior Women's Club is interested in adopting. There are two sections available near Shadowbrook which were formerly Wegmans and Compassion New England. They will vote on this mid-May.

## Old Business

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, June 7 at the Senior Center.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:01 pm.