

Minutes

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – 03/07/17

President Mike Morrison called to order at 7:02 pm

In Attendance

Members: Mike Morrison, Julianne Bonvino, Bill Kavanaugh, Dick Flooks, Sheldon Moniz, Gary Bonetti, Catherine Guido

Non-members:

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Bill Kavanaugh moved to approve the minutes of February meeting. Dick Flooks seconded, all in favor, passed unanimously

Updates presented by Mike Morrison, President

- Website Update: Per February meeting Mike removed Consigli Funeral Home, Miss Mendon Diner, Imperial and Carnivores, from sponsors page. Catherine confirmed that Planet Aid is paid thru April 2017. CJM will be added to the sponsor page. Mike changed out the green text on the website to black and updated list of officers and directors.
- Mark Mandeville from the Mass Walking Tour was in touch regarding the upcoming walking musical tour. We have permission to use the Senior Center for the concert. Mike has a call with them Thursday of this week to see how we can incorporate the trail into it.
- Anthony Landry (new member) is interested in helping with marketing initiatives. **ACTION:** Mike will follow up with him.
- Mike emailed Milford Bicycle to see if they would be willing to donate some time at the trail clean up, possibly doing complimentary bike checks, etc. We could encourage people to get their bikes checked while doing the clean up. Nancy wasn't in favor, as she thought it would take away from the Citizens of Milford initiative. **ACTION:** Mike will follow up to see if we can get this idea going.

Update presented by Julianne Bonvino, Secretary

- 66 Members. \$245 in donations were made in memory of John Vernon.
- Tom Myatt has reserved a meeting room at the Library for the April meeting
- Either Pat Rosenthal or Margaret Myatt will take meeting notes at the April meeting in Julianne's absence. **ACTION:** Julianne will follow up with both to make sure this is in place.

Updates:

- Sponsor update: Catherine is proposing wording changes on the sponsorship form. We should remove tax deduction lines because they are receiving an ad in return for their sponsor check. She will make edits and present the proposed changes at the April meeting. Discussed changing sponsorship to rolling renewals versus March to March. Julianne would send emails out to sponsors when they need to renew two months ahead, then one month ahead, then Catherine would follow up with a phone call if necessary.
- Maintenance update: Dilla Street beacons are flashing continuously. Only one side of Cedar Street are working.
- Paypal Giving Fund – we will look into it to see if we want to pursue

New Business

- Clean up April 29, 8-12. We will post on Facebook once Citizens of Milford starts promoting.

- Bill K – Nancy probably has received signs he proposed be posted. He will help post them in kiosk. Also he proposed to Board of Selectman about clearing of invasive brush at Louisa Lake. He met with the Conservation Commission and Michael Dean, Town Engineer. Michal and a gentleman from biologist company did an assessment and he said it is a viable project. Michael Dean gave an estimate for initial phase, \$4000. During the inspection and working, a fee for the biologist onsite plus fee for application and public notice would be \$10,000. Bill sent message to Michael Dean to sit down to see how to fund this project and he thinks he will have to present to Board of Selectmen.

Next Meeting is **Tuesday, April 4th** at the **Town Library**.

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm, Dick seconded, passed unanimously.