

# Minutes

## Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – April 4, 2017

President Mike Morrison called to order at 7:02 pm

### In Attendance

Members: Mike Morrison, Anthony Landry, Jerry Messenger, William Sanborn, Dick Flooks, Margaret Myatt, Tom Myatt, Brett Staupe, Dale Staupe, Pat Rosenthal, Gary Bonetti, Sheldon Moniz

Non-members:

### Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Tom Myatt moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Pat Rosenthal seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously.

### Updates presented by Mike Morrison, President

- Mike worked with Reno on a spreadsheet to track when trail repairs are reported to The Friends and when they are reported to The Parks Department. An update: Nancy reported that the flashing beacons at the Cedar St. west side are now working.
- Website update: Information had been missing, but Mike has made updates including memorial bench information and complete trail adopters listing. The adopter application was updated.
- Mike is meeting with Milford Rotary regarding a potential May outdoor event to promote trail. Mike also wants a bike safety check event. Perhaps combine events? Milford Youth Center is interested in participating.
- Mike has written to local scouts about a bike safety day. **ACTION:** Dick will reach out for helmets through a grant. Milford Bicycle is interested. Jerry will plan to stop into the shop

There was general discussion on publicity for sponsors, encouraging membership, and use of existing funds.

**10 year anniversary celebration:** People thought a 10 year anniversary celebration would be appropriate. There were volunteers for an anniversary sub-committee: Brett Staupe, chair, Gary Bonetti, Jerry Messenger, Bill Sanborn, Sheldon, and Anthony (Tony) Landry. Dick Flooks has access to a kids' jump box. Pat suggested that the Commission on Disability project could be recognized during the celebration.

**ACTION:** The committee will come back next meeting with a proposed budget for approval.

### Update presented by Julie Rosenthal-Morales, Vice President - Absent

### Update presented by Tom Myatt, Treasurer

- March Treasurer Report:

Total Income: \$1,482.60

Total Expense: \$1,525.73

Closing Balance: \$20,709.45

Open Spending Authorizations: \$10,882.46

Uncommitted Available Funds: \$ 9,826.99

Open Spending Authorizations:

    Authorized: \$15,800.00

    Expended: \$4,917.54

Remaining: \$10,882.46

### Other Updates:

- Reno Deluzio reported to Mike that repairs on the flashing beacons are happening on an on-going basis with the Parks Department
- Winter Use Sub-Committee: Jerry indicated that no resources emerged for winter trail maintenance via snowmobile and snow-packer devices. The committee wants to continue researching and trying to overcome physical limitations and liability issues.
- Maintenance: Nancy Wojick reported to Mike that she is working with the parks and highway departments regarding refreshing pavement striping and decals at all trail road crossings, refreshing the yellow median stripe on the trail, and repairing pavement heaves and cracks that have become hazardous to cyclists. **Scott Crisafulli responds that this work will be done after June 30 in the new budget cycle.**

She is also asking that trail adopters monitor the condition of their sections as she can't get to all of the trail on a regular basis.

- Pat reported that Clean Up Milford Day is on April 29<sup>th</sup> and adopters will clean their sections within two weeks of that date. Also, bolts missing on fences in Zain Drive area. She'll be in touch with Nancy.

Also, Pat brought up the annual trail census and that we haven't had one in a couple of years. Should we conduct another one?

### Old Business:

- Bill Kavanaugh wanted new signs for membership on kiosk. Bill was not present, therefore no update.
- **Bill and Nancy worked on this. Four new signs have been produced at no cost to us by Signs Plus, and will be installed on the kiosks.**
- April 29<sup>th</sup> is on target for collaborating with Citizens for Milford.

### New Business

- We want to change sponsorship renewals from March-to-March to one-year-from-date-of-sponsorship. Tom made the motion, Gary seconded. The motion passed with 2 opposed.
- New sponsorship form has changed primarily to get rid of the 501 c 3 language. Bill moved to approve the new form, Tom seconded. Passed Unanimously

Next Meeting is **Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the Milford Senior Center.

Margaret made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm, Pat seconded, passed unanimously.