

Minutes

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – September 5, 2017

President Mike Morrison called to order at 7:03 pm

In Attendance

Members: Mike Morrison, Julianne Bonvino, Reno DeLuzio, Tom Myatt, Margaret Myatt, William Sanborn, Jerry Messenger, Rita Wilkie, Catherine Guido

Non-members: Amanuel Zimmerman

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Tom motioned to approve the August minutes, Reno seconded, passed unanimously.

Amanuel Zimmerman from the Troop 4 Boys Scouts updated the Friends on his project status. His original project, which he presented at the January meeting, was for historical signs, patches for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and a booklet for daily users of the trail. His project needs to show leadership and two parts of original proposal doesn't. He will be able to do the signs. Pat Rosenthal had offered to help with research part. Jerry suggested asking a town historian, and Reno suggested Milford Historical Commission. We also need a solid concept of what the signing is. Jerry suggested the podium type signs that are in Holliston. Margaret suggested he could piggyback on the Commission of Disability project. Tom suggested Amanuel come up with a concrete proposal. Mike summed up that he will need historical content, physical design of signs, locations, funding. Once he has that, go to Parks Department and then come back to Friends for further assistance.

Reno provided the following updates: Stonedust was recently put down 5000 feet along trail. The flashing beacons on Dilla Street and Cedar Street are being upgraded. Dilla Street was completed, but Cedar Street had mixed up communications. Not enough solar exposure for battery charging. Should be fixed in next couple of weeks. Completed maintenance assessment for finance committee. Maintenance includes flashing beacons, drainage, mowing, trimming, brush cutting, etc. Working on numbers to go to Finance Committee.

Updates presented by Mike Morrison, President

- Mike has been coordinating efforts with Jeff Howard of Zain Ridge for a bench. Received quote for \$600 for installation, and Swenson fabrication will be \$940+. Bench will take 4 weeks, complete in October timeframe.
- Updated website regarding construction project building Restaurant Depot, clearing path from Cedar Street, town road called Deer Road. Posted on Facebook to use caution.
- Working with Reno on trail maintenance log.
- Filmed another segment on Trail Talk on Milford TV. Airing now on Milford TV and YouTube. There is a link to these on the website. We should post on Facebook also.
- Received email from Margaret with pdf with map of entire trail from Holliston. Regional map posted on uppercharlestrail.org.

Update from Julianne Bonvino, Secretary

- Nothing to report

Update from Tom Myatt, Treasurer

- August Treasurer Report:

Total Income: \$3,600.07

Total Expense: \$3,061.04
Closing Balance: \$21,291.61
Open Spending Authorizations: \$7,691.13
Uncommitted Available Funds: \$13,600.48
Open Spending Authorizations:
 Authorized: \$11,232.00
 Expended: \$3,540.87
 Remaining: \$7,691.13

Updates:

- Catherine sponsorship update: 4 renewals. Emails were sent out for renewals. She will follow up with phone calls to those who have not responded. After follow up phone calls, may explore soliciting new sponsors. Updates have been made to the website to reconcile sponsor page.
- Maintenance log: Nothing new from Nancy on this. This log will be used to show Parks/Highway Department outstanding issues. Start attaching log to minutes so members can check if they are completed.

New Business:

- Adopter update: Vineyard Church and Consigli will do fall clean up.
- Election of officers: President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary.
President: Tom nominates Mike Morrison for President. Reno seconded. Passed unanimously.
VP: Tom nominates Catherine Guido for Vice President. William seconded. Passed unanimously.
Treasurer: Tom nominates Bill Sanborn for Treasurer. Reno seconded. Passed unanimously
Secretary: Reno nominates Julianne Bonvino for Secretary. Tom seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Tom made Motion #17-08 to authorize the expenditure up to \$1600 for fabrication and installation of the Zain Ridge bench providing we receive the equivalent funds from Zain Ridge. Reno seconded, passed unanimously.
- Tom made a Motion #17-09 for the authorization of \$300 for software to support Treasurer transition. Reno seconded, passed unanimously.
- Reno asked Mike if he heard from Ron Santacroce about a bench. Mike will follow up. Ron used a contact form on our website and it didn't go anywhere. We need to either remove the form off of the site, test or replace with email link.
- Reno met with Scott and Mike about maintenance. Scott not pleased with public reaction, getting lots of calls. Get word out that town will be doing brush cutting, to cut back on invasive vegetation, improve visibility.
- Disability project: Scott asked Reno for update. Margaret, Harold, Scott and Demetria meeting Thursday to get things going on this project.
- Tom nominates Jerry to fill the director position opened up by resignation of Catherine Guido

Old Business

- Fall trail clean up October 28. Pat coordinating adopters. Need to put word out on Facebook, email, newspapers, Milford TV.

- Storage: Thinking of buying a trailer for this/storage container. Need new info for appropriate size and place to store it. Reno will follow up.
- Letter to police chief about shady people at Fino Field. Police still patrolling the trail

Next Meeting is Tuesday, October 3rd at the Senior Center.

Motion to adjourn at 8:51pm