

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – September 4, 2018

President Mike Morrison called to order at 7:05 pm

In Attendance

Members: Mike Morrison, William Sanborn, Reno Deluzio, Guru Simran Khalsa-Bob, Catherine Guido

Approval of Minutes

The July meeting minutes were not available for review and approval. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Updates presented by Mike Morrison, President

- Brief recap of the August celebration at Craftroots.
Didn't see anyone sign-up as new members
'Cyclebar' was interested in learning more about being involved. Was given our website contact info. They will be moving into the new Stop+Shop plaza this fall.
- Nancy Wojick shared via email that Mike Bresciani has retired/resigned as park commissioner. The town will post for a replacement.
- Nancy will be resigning from our board of directors. She will stay on as the trail representative with the parks department.

Updates presented by Catherine Guido, Vice President

- Will send us the minutes from the July meeting and follow up with 'Cyclebar'

Update from William Sanborn, Treasurer

- Expenses for the celebration party were remitted to Nancy Wojick and Brett Staupe.
- The expenses paid by Jerry Messenger were approximately \$70.00. Jerry decided to consider this a 'gift' in kind as a parting gesture. Jerry has sold his home in Milford and is moving to Durham, North Carolina for his retirement.

Updates:

- No new updates to report

New Business:

- Mike – We need to fill our openings for secretary and board of director members
- Reno – The comprehensive maintenance budget with the town committee task group has been completed. A draft of comprehensive plan for trail maintenance costs will be shared and accepted by the trail committee.

Parks dept – had a separate line item in budget for trail costs, (~\$32k per year)

Highway dept – had a budget for trail maintenance costs but didn't spend it, (~\$10k per year)

In either instance they don't have a good system to track our actual trail maintenance costs and historically have spent ~\$32k per year

Note: The trail committee commissioned by the town will eventually be dissolved by charter. The friends of the trail will eventually be the 'custodian' to oversee that the maintenance is being done by both the parks and highway departments.

Elections to Board of Directors:

- Three openings (Nancy Wojick and Jerry Messenger's previous positions)

- Motion made by Cathy Guido, seconded by Mike to nominate Brett Staube (in abstentia). Passed unanimous. Cathy to confirm that Brett accepts nomination prior to next meeting.
- Motion made by Cathy Guido, seconded by Mike to re-elect Guru to the board of directors. Passed unanimous.
- There remains one vacancy on the board of directors.

Other business:

- The check account co-signer authority for Nancy Wojick needs to be rescinded with the bank. Bill to create a letter of request to Milford Federal Savings indicating Nancy is no longer a co-signor on our account.
- Mike – would like to reach out to our base of trail members to solicit their consideration in being more actively involved.
- Cathy – contact Brett about needing his sign-off as BOD member so that we can secure his sign-off to revise bank signatories (Mike and Bill only)

Maintenance log review:

- Item #3 – was this completed? If yes, then please send a ‘Thank you’ letter.
- Add a column on the log to indicate items for ‘community service’ (e.g. boy scouts). Perhaps an indicator as to whether an item belongs to ‘parks’ or ‘community’?
- Bill to contact Jerry Messenger for his point of contact with the boys scouts – such that we can maintain contact with them for community service tasks on our maintenance log.

New Business:

- Mike would like to hold an ‘open house’ on an annual basis. Even if this is for community awareness purposes only. We can consider the Craftroots venue (or others) for this purpose. Objective? New memberships, sponsors, local business awareness and involvement. Get input and ideas from the community.
- Cathy to send formal ‘thank you’ letters to those who donated food at the celebration event, (Confectionism, Pizza Palace, The Alamo, Craftroots)
- Fall clean-up event is October 27th from 9:00am-1:00pm. Most adopters do their part within a 2 week period of the event.
- Bill / Reno – would like to spawn an effort to raise funds and organize a ‘Bridge build’ for the stream crossing near Walden Woods.
- Is there a status for the Eagle Scout idea for a trail kiosk near Zain Ridge on the Milford/Holliston town line?

- Next Meeting is Tuesday, October 2nd at the senior center starting at 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm, passed unanimous.