

# Minutes

## **Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail**

Minutes for the monthly open meeting - March 5, 2019

In attendance

Members: Mike Morrison, Catherine Guido, Bill Sanborn, Guru Simran Khalsa-Bob, Reno DeLuzio

Non-members: Sandy Comastra

7:09 Call to order

7:10 Cat moves to approve the minutes from February 2019, Reno seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

7:11 President's report. Mike spoke with Andrew Bonetti who represents a group at a Westborough company that wants to do an earth day-related cleanup. His father, Gary, mentioned the trail and said to call me. I mentioned the beautification day on April 27th. He seemed receptive to the idea. Represents about 10-12 people.

7:12 Vice President's report. Cat says that she has nothing to report this month.

7:13 Bill Sanborn presented the Treasurer's report. He received a receipt from Nancy Wojick for \$29.99 for a new box of doggie bags. Bill moves to reimburse Nancy \$29.99 for the doggie bags; Cat seconded. Motion passed, 5-0. Bill has the completed treasurer's reports for all of 2018 and Q1 2019, including the donations through PayPal, some of which were held up in limbo during the treasurer's transition for much of 2018. Cat took the initiative to send thank-you letters to each of the donors on the list. Bill also met with Margaret Myatt to discuss the state and federal filings for the Friends.

7:21 Guest presentation from Reno Deluzio. Reno discussed a tree-cutting program which removed dead trees along the trail from the Hopkinton trailhead to Cedar St. This program was a joint effort between the Milford Parks Department and the Milford Trail Committee. The cost of the program was \$7500 shared by both parties. This work was completed in February. Reno also discussed the Walden Woods trail connection. The residents of Walden Woods are organizing a committee to direct their efforts towards a connection between the housing development and the trail. One of the main issues to the connection is the cost of an engineering study to determine the safest means of installing a pedestrian crossing on Cedar St. Gary Sanborn is heading the Walden Woods committee. Reno presented the final copy of the revised trail memorandum of understanding. Mike signed the document.

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7:40 discussion of the trail banner options as sent to the Friends' board and officers prior to the meeting.

7:48 Cat moves to send the suggested revisions of the Friends' trail banner to Nancy, Bill seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

7:51 Cat moves to approve up to \$100 for a trail banner, Bill seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

7:52 Discussion of the Friends' involvement in the Beautification Date, 4/27/2019, planned by the Citizens for Milford.

8:13 Cat moves to appropriate up to \$200 for hostas, topsoil, mulch, and other supplies in order to improve the landscaped area at Louisa Lake, Reno seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

8:14 Bill discussed ways to improve the coordination of volunteers for cleanup days. We discussed ways to send volunteers to known trouble spots for trash along the trail. Cat took the action item to create handouts featuring trail maps with the known trouble spots and a list of instructions for volunteers.

8:39 Reno moves to adjourn, Cat seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.