

FINAL

THE FRIENDS OF THE MILFORD UPPER CHARLES TRAIL, INC. MEETING MINUTES JUNE 10, 2026; 7:00 PM; MILFORD TOWN LIBRARY

Note: Five members (two being officers) are needed for a quorum. Only one officer was present; therefore, any motions, votes, etc. will need to be repeated at the next meeting with a quorum to become official.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

- President Guido called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. LIST OF ATTENDEES

- Members: Reno Deluzio, Laura Mann, Pat Rosenthal, Becky Annis, Denise Simoneau, Catherine Guido
- Non-members: None

3. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES FROM MAY 5, 2026 MEETING

- Reviewed and approved unanimously as revised; Motion by L. Mann, seconded by P. Rosenthal

4. PROPOSED SIDEWALK/BIKE PATH SAFETY BILL

- Handout from Marty Waltz was shared and briefly discussed (proposed sidewalk/bike path safety bill). This proposal would increase the cap for legal damages for injuries from \$5,000 to \$100,000 and lengthen the time for making a claim. Many expressed concerns with our involvement in this proposal and felt we were not the right forum, but it was unclear of the type of support being requested.
- **Action Item:** C. Guido will communicate with M. Waltz to understand the request and relay that information at the next meeting.

5. ELECTION OF NEW SECRETARY

- There were no nominations or expressed interest in the Secretary position. B. Annis and L. Mann volunteered to take notes and draft meeting minutes.
- It was suggested that members volunteer on a rotating basis to take notes/develop meeting minutes until the Secretary position is filled. If Microsoft Teams is used for remote attendance, AI transcriptions can be generated. R. Deluzio described how meeting minutes were handled for other organizations.

6. OFFICER REPORTS:

a. PRESIDENT – Catherine Guido

- C. Guido was able to download the contact list from the Mail Chimp account. Tyler from MYFM radio did an interview with library staff regarding the audio book event. Tyler is open to do more interviews with the Friends. The grocery bag fundraiser in May 2026 yielded between \$40-\$50 each from Stop and Shop and Shaw's.
- Action Item: P. Rosenthal will contact Tyler about promoting the upcoming Bike Safety and Helmet Give-a-Way event scheduled for June 28, 2026.

b. VICE PRESIDENT – Michael Morrison; not in attendance

c. TREASURER – Henry Papuga; not in attendance

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. WEBSITE TRANSITION/MAINTENANCE

- No report

b. WINTER ACCESSIBILITY

- No report

c. TRAIL COUNTER

- P. Rosenthal reported that Henry Papuga attempted contact with Mike Mancini regarding blinking lights at street crossings and the trail counters within.

d. BUILDING COMMUNITY

- P. Rosenthal reported on the planning of the Bike Safety and Helmet Give-a-Way event to be held Sunday, June 28, 2026, from 10 am – 12 pm at Louisa Lake trailhead. UMass Medical is providing the helmets for free, and the Milford Police Department will be there to explain rules of riding and assist.
- There are other ideas and plans underway, including next year being the 20th anniversary of the trail opening (August 2027) and a discussion of ideas was begun. On the Wind Phone idea, P. Rosenthal reached out to Mike Shain and they are looking for a peaceful location. M. Shain said it is a program in other places and suggested checking out mywindphone.com. M. Shain said he spoke at the June 9, 2026, Parks Department meeting so they may take the project on. P. Rosenthal and B. Annis also shared the ideas of a full moon hike, and an Owl Hike possibly in the fall.
- It was suggested that promoting membership should be a component of every event organized by the Friends. The Friends banner, brochures, member sign-up sheet, etc. will be obtained from Mike Morrison to use for the Bike Safety and Helmet Give-a-Way event.

e. EDUCATION/ENRICHMENT

- L. Mann reported that Chris Ward attended the Historical Commission meeting on June 10, 2026). The subcommittee met with the Parks Department, and they are very supportive of the 7 proposed signs and locations proposed for installation along the trail.
- The subcommittee is exploring funding ideas/small grants, but first would like to hear on the results of the two grants R. Deluzio has been following. The grant language used may allow funding for the sign project.

f. SAFETY/MAINTENANCE

- No report.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Discuss Adopt-a-Trail Program – status of sign removal

- H. Papuga and P. Rosenthal removed all adopter signs; poles remain for future use. Thanks to both for their efforts. P. Rosenthal shared a quote for trail map and business sponsor sign, similar to Holliston's, from Signs Plus. Several questions raised.
- **Action Item:** Pat to contact Signs Plus with questions.

b. Discuss best methods to communicate w/members and public

- C. Guido has obtained the latest version of Roberts Rules of Order. The contents, distribution, and approval of meeting minutes was discussed.
- c. Eugene Circle trail connection update
 - R. Deluzio reported that there is nothing new to report on the grants.
- d. Milford Library Audio Book Walk update
 - C. Guido reported that the event was enjoyed by those who attended.
- 9. NEW BUSINESS/INVITATION TO SPEAK**
 - R. Deluzio met some cyclists from New Hampshire on the trail and they expressed how much they were enjoying the trail.
- 10. NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION**
 - The July meeting may be rescheduled from July 1 (the week of Independence Day holiday) to July 8, 2026, to increase attendance.
- 11. ADJOURN**
 - Motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm by P. Rosenthal and seconded by L. Mann.
Approved unanimously.