

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – September 4, 2019

President Mike Morrison called to order at 7:02 pm

In Attendance

Members: Mike Morrison, Reno Deluzio, Guru, William Sanborn, Catherine Guido, Nancy Wojick

Non-members: Jim (Parks dept), Joe – memorial bench proposal, Ben BOLEN

New Adopters: Ben BOLEN (Garrett's family market)

- Nancy walked the section that is now available with Ben BOLEN
Ben BOLEN – submitted 'adopter'
Point of contact – 'Amanda'
- Motion to approve Garrett's as an adopter and seconded, Unanimous

Memorial benches:

- Carly and Brittany – bench installed near route 85 crossing, with 'polished' surface
- Joe – memorial bench discussion on behalf of 'Rick'
Lost his son in March 2019 – "Ethan"
Lives in Millis – car accident on route 495 (marshy area near Hopkinton/Milford line)
Rick referenced existing bench for 'Timothy Cummerford' in Holliston, who was a friend of "Ethan"
Referred to Ed Daniels – Friends of the Holliston trail
- Another bench was requested through Scott CRISAFOLI...

Parks Department Update:

- Jim attended on behalf of parks department – new department director
- Making more time/efforts to maintain trail and other town properties
- 6 full time workers in the department
- Repairing and/or replacing broken/damaged signs
near Louisa Lake, Sacred Heart parking lot
New metal sign ordered with SignsPlus
Will mount sign on top of existing
- Starting process to certify the application of pesticides along trail (bamboo like invasive plants)
Two employees were certified specifically for the trail

Reno: We commend Jim and his department for clearing all (6) road crossings. It has been much improved!

- Bike repair stand (Eagle Scout project) Jim suggested placing this in a high visibility area, for instance near Louisa Lake parking area to minimize the probability of vandalism after it is installed.

Maintenance items observed:

- Fence issues – near Acupulcos
- Pot holes near Beaver Street Crossing
- Soft spots/sink holes near Hopkinton (~60 feet from road crossing)
- Sink hole off the trail that is a potential trip hazard (need to place a large boulder/rock to cover it)
- Milford (You Inc) sign for adopters was vandalized

Updates presented by Mike Morrison, President

- Fall cleanup
- Motion and seconded to schedule on Saturday, 2-Nov – Unanimous need to start publicity and notify adopters

Jim: Please designate specific bag drop zones to make it easier for crews to locate/pick up trash bags

- Annual member cards – Need to be updated, especially given several businesses are now closed
Discussions about additional businesses that can be approached:
IHOP
Milford Federal Savings Bank
Mango Tree
Purchase Street Market
Pizza Palace
Garrett’s family market
- Accessibility project update:
Guided pathway via smart phone app
Finished scripts and recordings
Want to do one more walk through with Harold Rhodes

Office elections:

Motions made and seconded to elect the following positions

- President – Mike MORRISON
- Vice President – Catherine GUIDO
- Treasurer – Bill SANBORN
- Secretary – will remain <vacant> until a willing candidate is found

Other discussion points:

- Bill to double check memberships and donations and provide as much details to Catherine to send “Thank you” letters
- Reno – Remind bikers to exclaim “On your left” prior to passing walkers
Note: The by laws indicate there is a 15 mph speed limit on the trail

Meeting adjourned: 8:08pm