

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – August 4, 2021

President Mike Morrison called to order at 7:09 pm

In Attendance

Members: William Sanborn, David Kent; Mike Morrison; Nancy Wojick; Catherine Guido

Non-Members: None

Past business:

Treasurer:

Sent out latest treasurer report

Note: Does NOT include Paypal contributions since ~June2020

Pulled/transferred Paypal contributions for a total of \$506.00

Action: Will send two files from Paypal as follows

Paypal contributions pulled/processed in FY2020

Paypal contributions pulled/processed in FY2021

President:

Minutes were sent to committee members via email

Reviewed minutes for April, May and June 2021

Motion to approve minutes, pending corrections to April; May and June approved as presented

Action: Motion approved/ Unanimous

Contacted Harold Rhodes requesting to meet committee via Teams call tonight;

He was NOT available to attend. Harold considers his project “Completed”

He does NOT anticipate spending more funds

Nancy: When walking the trail, there are NO signs and/or visible markers for this project.

Sponsors: Updated our listings and resent to twenty six (26) contacts. Received several positive replies.

Also received several bounced/undeliverable replies [CGM construction; Whitcomb house]

Fox pest control in RI expressed interest in a sponsorship.

Two (2) checks received – Plumb (\$500.00); Vineyard church Hopkinton (\$100.00)

Nancy: Only doing membership tracking – NOT doing anything with sponsors/adopters

Will try to get updated contacts for Whitcomb house and Amazon

-so that Catherine can send them sponsorship forms.

President’s Report:

Mike: Vegetation removal by Parks along trail – received emails about debris left behind.

Was cleaned up by Parks soon after completing their cleanup

Parks had to use an excavator to remove unwanted growth (Japanese knotwood; bittersweet vines)

They did an excellent job to remove unwanted growth

Elena (girl scout) – Did not hear from her about her project

VP Report:

Catherine: Provided language about sponsors and adopters

Inquired about re-usable bag programs at Stop&Shop and BigY

Shaws – we were nominated to be the benefactor for the August bag program
Amazon Smile – Searched for ‘Friends of the Trail’ and personally generated \$1.61 year to date
Posted this program on the Facebook page

Treasurer Report:

Bill:

Have been posting contributions as “Donations” as I don’t have a roster to reference whether someone is making a contribution as a member or sponsor.

Catherine – All contributions of \$10 or more should count towards a membership so that they can attend meetings and vote accordingly.

Action: Verify if by laws stipulate/delineate between members vs donors

Mike/Catherine: Confirmed that Paypal sends a simple email to contributors as a “Thank you”

Amazon Smile – letter received to indicate our organization qualifies for this program.

We will have to register through their site and provide our banking ACH details to receive payments

Motion: Treasurer to register our bank account with Amazon Smile program – Passed/unanimous

New Business:

Nancy:

Adopter language needs to be reviewed

Once the adopter list is updated, then suggest we update/replace adopter signs/plates along trail

Important to remind them that this a voluntary program to keep sections of trail clean

Maintaining the list and signs/badges needs to be revisited and revised

Action; Modify adopter agreement forms; send out to “refresh” our list of adopters/contacts

David:

Need to find someone for the secretary role. David us unable do this due to other volunteer role with state

Actons:

Contact Susan CLARK at the senior center to see if someone there is interested in helping

Email to our members/sponsors to request voluteers with this role

Mile markers – Most are NOT legible anymore, (e.g. Louisa Lake toward Hopkinton)

Action: Speak with Nancy to speak with Jim and Scott to determine if they have scheduled to redo these.

Bill:

Water levels are spilling over, especially on section closest to Holliston (Beaver to Zain circle)

Motion: Next meeting: 8-Sept-2021 @ 7:00pm; Approved/Unanimous

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM