

FRIENDS OF THE MILFORD UPPER CHARLES TRAIL
FINAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2025
In-Person (Milford Town Library)

PARTICIPANTS: See attached sign-in sheet.

START TIME: 7:10 PM

1. Four (4) sets of meeting minutes were reviewed; April 3, 2024, June 26, 2024, November 6, 2025, and February 5, 2025.
2. Motions passed to approve all meeting minutes as revised.
3. Trail accounts current balance: \$11,764
4. Motion made and passed to continue to pay \$977 for liability insurance which is due in May 2025.
5. Discussion to reach out to Town attorney to ask trail liability could be covered by the Town, which could save Friends of the Trail \$977 per year.
6. Question raised if a permit is needed from the Town to hold an event and does that including insurance?
7. Mike Morrison will contact the Town attorney with liability questions.
8. It was noted that there is broken fencing along the water on the trail near Fino Field.
9. Nancy Wojick's email was reviewed stating that there will be vests and gloves shipped for Beautification Day on April 26, 2025.
10. Catherine Guido will make hardcopy minutes for the next meeting.
11. Slides provided by the subcommittee (presented by Chris Ward) on trail user surveys were presented and included the following topics:
 - a) The trail is an asset
 - b) It enhances property values
 - c) It is difficult quantifying use of the trail right now
 - d) Data can be used to see growth; the number of people using the trail, why they are using it, etc.
 - e) Capture trends, understand effects of infrastructure
 - f) Survey Types:
 - i) Conducting a manual survey - how can we count?
 - ii) Crossing signals - Henry Papuga looked into details and found limited data.
 - iii) Cameras - what about maintenance and theft?
 - iv) Automated counters - Eco counter cost is \$1,200 - \$5,500 each.
 - v) Hire a third party - NDS 960 for 72 hour locations, QC 620 for 12 hours
12. One of the options explored was the PYRO Nano automatic counter.
13. It was suggested that we partner with other trails and find out what they have done to survey their trail use.

14. The issue of trash between the Dunkin Donuts and Fino Field. This could be an area targeted for clean up on Beautification Day.
15. Suggestion made to reach out to kids and schools to get kids involved with the trail for community service. It was noted that kids and families have participated in the past for service hours (i.e., boy scouts, religion class).
16. Could we appoint liaisons to reach out to different communities within Milford to help with involvement (i.e., church communities, cultural communities, etc.)
17. Beautification Day (April 26, 2025) assignments were made regarding who would volunteer to do what and when.
18. Plans for Eugene Circle are in development.
19. Next meeting will be held June 4, 2025.
20. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Minutes submitted by Olivia Guido

Trail Meeting

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Catherine Guido

Grace Guido

Mike Morrison

Don Francy

Pat Rosenthal

Chris Ward

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