

FRIENDS OF THE MILFORD UPPER CHARLES TRAIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBUARY 5, 2025
In-Person (Milford Town Library)

PRESENT: Olivia Guido, Greta Guido, Mike Morrison, Catherine Guido, Bill Sanborn, Brett Staupe, Reno Deluzio, Guru Siman Kaus Khalso-Bob

ADDITIONAL GUESTS: See attached sign-in sheet

1. Discussion of the state of the trail and its merits and demerits.
2. Discussion of the fact that the granite benches have been cleaned by Parks Dept.
3. There will be an opening for the new and improved Town Park on Congress St. in June 2025, as mentioned by Jim Asam (Parks Dept).
4. It was noted that a survey of trail users has not occurred for several years and maybe it is time for another survey.
5. Treasury states that we are on track with received donations vs. expenses. Approximately, \$11,000 in account.
6. Informed attendees that annual membership is \$10 and allows the member to vote on trail matters.
7. Eugene Circle property neighbor is allowing easement on his property instead of the house that is blocking the path (Reno estimates about 1 year for completion if plans follow through)
8. Question raised of whether the Friends could get a grant to do work on the trail.
9. Milford Beautification Day is Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 9 am to 1 pm.
10. Motion passed to continue monetary support to Citizens for Milford (\$250) for the yearly Beautification Day.
11. Question about need for the Friends to keep "sandwich boards" in the basement of Nancy Wojick. The Friends will donate them to Jim Asam from Parks Dept. Motion (approved) to transfer boards to Parks Dept).
12. Question of keeping the trail accessible/available year-round and what measures we could be taken to make this possible. Many points of view shared.
13. Jim brings up that people should bring things to keep them safe on the trail such as spikes for shoes.
14. It was noted that salt (used for snow) erodes the vegetation and the equipment used to maintain the trail, in relation to the earlier suggestion of keeping the trail open (i.e., snow and ice-free) all year.
15. Question raised about how to follow through with the action items and who will be assigned which items.
16. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Olivia Guido

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