

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
September 4, 2007

Call to Order

Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. 11 members and 5 visitors were present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the 8/7/2007 meeting with the following changes to the Publicity Committee section:

- The Downtown Festival is scheduled for 9/15.
- The Friends did acquire a new couple memberships at the Festival in 2006.

Guest Speaker

Naman Shah, Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 18, gave an update on his project to build and place bat boxes and tree sparrow boxes along the trail:

- Naman built the bat and sparrow boxes.
- He has collected \$215 of the \$600 that he needs to complete the project. A motion was made and unanimously carried to match each dollar that Naman raises with a dollar contribution from the Friends, up to a maximum of \$300 in matching funds. Naman can contact Dave when ready to receive the funds.
- Naman reported that Joe Arcudi can provide a bucket truck for the installation.
- It was agreed to leave it to Naman to select locations. Reno suggested off the grass and behind fences as not to interfere with trail maintenance and to lessen the opportunity for vandalism.

Officer Reports

- **President – Pat Rosenthal**
 - Pat reported that the Holliston Trail Committee sent a congratulation memo on the Milford Trail Grand Opening.
- **Vice President – Tony Niro**
 - Chris Chamberlain, Eagle Scout candidate, is working on the kiosk sign and is ready to assemble on site at Louisa Lake.
 - It was brought up that Waters was prepared to donate some funds towards this. Pat will follow up with Waters.
- **Secretary – Tom Myatt**
 - Trail membership is at 77. A detailed Secretary's report is appended to the end of this report.
- **Treasurer – Dave Cassinelli**
 - Dave reports that the Friends' finances are in excellent shape.
 - A detailed Treasurer's report is appended to the end of this report.
 - Dave also noted that we had to buy more doggie bags; we have gone through 9000.

Committee Reports

- **Trail Committee Report – Reno DeLuzio**
 - The Mass Highway public hearing on Phase 2 is scheduled for 9/19 at 7 PM at the Milford High School Cafeteria. In Phase 1, a concerted effort was made to get as much public support as possible at the public hearing. This project is competing for funds with projects from other towns. We are looking for \$4 million for Phase 2. Reno is contacting civic organizations to promote attendance at the public hearing and asking us to do the same thing. We will also send an email to the Friends membership and put a notice on the Friends website, adding detail from the flyer Reno passed out.
 - Proposed 2 fully activated signal crossings. Need to do Phase 1 counts to justify building signal crossings. A regional planning person from Boston is organizing the count. We will do the count from 7 AM to 7 PM on Saturday 9/8. There will be one station at Louisa Lake and one at Fino Field trail intersection. An instructional meeting will be at Town Hall Room 14 on Wednesday 9/5 at 7:15 PM.

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- Special Events Committee – Pat Rosenthal:
 - Post GO Day Follow up – Thank you plaques
 - A motion was made and unanimously carried to appropriate up to \$400 for thank you plaques for the 8-10 businesses that were significant contributors to the GO event.
- Fund Raising Committee – Barbara Bradbury and Tony Niro
 - Tony reported that the following 6 benches have been ordered:
 - In Memory of Aaron W. Mitchell
 - In Memory of Nancy DeLuzio
 - Bright Insurance Agency
 - Midtown Family Fitness
 - Barker Steel Company
 - Royal Buddha
 - We may get 15% discount even with only an order of 6 benches.
- Dog Education Committee – Nancy Mullins: absent
- Safety Committee – chair vacant
 - Need to fill this position soon.
- Publicity Committee – Nancy Wojick
 - Nothing new to report.
 - Nancy is resigning as chair of this committee since she will be the new Secretary of the Friends (see below).
- Maintenance Committee – chair vacant
 - Important that we fill this position soon.
 - Brett Staupe expressed interest in this position.
 - Reno will draft a job description for the position. He explained that it requires a great deal of organizational ability and communicating with other groups.
- Environmental Education Committee – Linda Konvalinka: absent

Old Business

- Boy Scout Eagle Project: Mark Fitzgerald sent Pat a proposal at the end of August, which was forwarded to the Board of Directors. It was agreed that Mark should come back to next meeting of the Friends membership in October to present his proposal. Mark should contact Tony about this.

New Business

- Officer elections: The following candidates were nominated and unanimously elected unopposed:
 - President – Pat Rosenthal
 - Vice President – Tony Niro
 - Secretary – Nancy Wojick
 - Treasurer – Tom Myatt
- It was agreed that the standing committees should be reviewed: some existing ones should be discontinued and perhaps some new ones formed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 2nd at the Senior Center.

Adjournment

Motion was made and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

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Treasurer's Report

Income

Previous Year Carry Forward	\$	1,889.96	
Membership Dues:	\$	3,605.00	
Contributions:	\$	2,650.64	
Midtown grant Fund at Parks Dept.	\$	-	
Advertisement	\$	-	
Interest	\$	5.36	
Town of Milford Sponsorship	\$	1,963.50	
Whole Foods	\$	19.10	
Paypal deposits	\$	160.50	
Fund Raising	\$	11,746.00	
Total Income	\$	22,040.06	\$ 22,040.06

Expenses

Stamps	\$	94.31	
Pay Pal Fees	\$	7.08	
U.S. Treasury	\$	150.00	
Ridgewood Printing	\$	762.00	
Tom Frost	\$	20.00	
Insurance - Directors	\$	804.00	
Liability Ins GO Event	\$	364.00	
The Party Rental Center	\$	1,963.50	
Bouse House Enterprises	\$	400.00	
WMRC	\$	100.00	
BVT Printing	\$	124.38	
New England Golf Cars	\$	386.50	
Boston Party Makers	\$	450.00	
Magic World	\$	175.00	
Whitinsville Monumental Works	\$	300.00	
Tony Niro (Misc GO Expenses)	\$	138.25	
Swenson Granite	\$	2,500.00	
Pat Rosenthal (Misc GO Expenses)	\$	74.31	
Yuckos (trash bags)	\$	156.15	
Doggie Stations	\$	1,119.00	
Total	\$	10,088.48	\$ 10,088.48
Balance			\$ 11,951.58

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Secretary Report

2007 Membership Dues					
	<u>New</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Bronze	15	12	27	280.00	17%
Silver	5	9	14	350.00	21%
Gold	3	3	6	300.00	18%
Pathfinder	2	5	7	700.00	43%
Trail Blazer	0	0	0	-	0%
	25	29	54	1,630.00	100%

2007 Membership Status					
	<u>12/31/06</u>	<u>Dropped</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Bronze	37	9	15	43	56%
Silver	17	6	5	16	21%
Gold	12	3	3	12	16%
Pathfinder	7	4	2	5	6%
Trail Blazer	1	0	0	1	1%
Total	74	22	25	77	100%

Renewal Status		
Renewal requests with a positive response	29	49%
No response after 2 notices (dropped)	22	37%
Less than 30 days after 1st notice	5	8%
Less than 30 days after 2nd notice	3	5%
Renewals requested	59	100%