

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
March 4, 2008

Call to Order

Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. 11 members and 6 visitors were present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the February 5,

Guest Presentation

Anne and Barnes McNevin were presented with a plaque in recognition of their ongoing generosity through the Harmon Foundation. They have donated a total of \$5,000.00 to the trail.

Officer Reports

- President – Pat Rosenthal
 - The Firefighters Association is going to donate 2 granite benches and 5 mile marker signs. They are also getting pricing on stenciling intermediate pavement mileage markings.
 - Stroller Fit is clear with the town to begin their program. Organizations who wish to use the trail for functions or for business reasons need to clear it with the town. The Friends group has no authority to approve or disapprove. However, it is within our realm to promote these activities on our website and calendar of events.
 - Pat announced with regret the resignation of Barbara Bradbury as Fundraising Chair.
- Vice-President – Dave Cassinelli
 - Adopt a Trail program has been finalized and the forms will be available on the website under the Support tab. A motion was made and carried unanimously to go forward with this project.
- Secretary – Nancy Wojick
 - 4 second notice renewal letters have gone out, and 11 first renewal letters. No responses on any of these to date and no new memberships have come in. Currently there are 70 members.
- Treasurer – Tom Myatt
 - In Tom's absence Nancy submitted the Treasurer's report. The current balance in our checking account is \$11,873.04. The only change from last month is the accrual of .95 in interest. There was also a check issued in the amount of \$50.00 to reimburse for a gift given.

Committee Reports

- Education and Special Activities – Christine Haslam & Linda Konvalinka
 - There will be another Full Moon Hike on March 21
 - There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on March 22
 - Bird and Bat House Guided Walk April 5 – Maybe incorporate identification of maple trees and discuss maple sugaring.
 - Family Fun Fair March 15 – good opportunity to promote awareness
 - More activities under discussion; suggested more daytime events needed – dog walk, quarry walk, phase 2 explore.

- Town of Milford Trail Committee – Reno DeLuzio
 - Phase 2 is moving along. The 75% design plan has been submitted to Mass Highway. The next step is for bids to go out in the fall of 2008 with hope of starting construction in the spring/summer of 2009. There has been one additional problem develop with the Mass Environmental Protections Agency requesting an environmental impact report that would include not only Milford but Holliston and part of Sherborn.
 - The Selectmen have told the Trail Committee to continue with Phase 3 as originally planned due to the significant delay anticipated on an alternate roadway through town.

New Business

- A motion was made and unanimously approved to appropriate up to \$200.00 for materials to enhance our table at the Family Fun Fair on March 15.
- Pat informed members that the Board of Directors had approve a Recognition Policy for people who have contributed their efforts to the trail. These would not be officers or directors, but others who have gone above the norm in helping out. The gift or plaque would not exceed a value of \$50.00. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept this policy.

Old Business

- Sheldon reported that he has been in contact with Blackstone Valley Tech regarding the kiosk and learned that the design is in process. We will need to send a check when the lumber is ordered. He also stated that there will be a foundation laid for installation of this kiosk and that the school and the Parks Dept. will need to discuss the requirements.
- Pat suggested that we enhance our communication with other trail groups in the area by adding them to our e-mailing lists.
- Reno has had a request for a videotape of the trail for use in fundraising by the Lions Club. It was agreed that we should pursue this project with Jim Miller from the High School.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday April 1st at the Senior Center.

Adjournment

A motion was made and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.