

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail  
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
May 5, 2009**

**Call to Order**

- Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. There were 13 members and 4 guests present.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes of the April meeting.

**Guest Presentations**

- Rochelle Thomson, Animal Control Officer for the Town of Milford joined in a discussion regarding the problems getting people to leash their dogs and clean up after them while on the trail. Rochelle and her assistant are unable to devote too much time exclusively to the trail; they face the same problems with irresponsible owners all over town in the parks, fields, cemeteries and schools. She suggested that the best way that we can assist in patrolling with the objective of identifying offenders is to act as “private eyes” using cell phones to take pictures, taking note of license plates, etc. She said it is not wise to confront anyone directly. We will try to educate people by the use of signage, trying to get a handout through the Town Clerk’s Office when people get their licenses and on the tax bills again. Nancy will follow up on that. In addition we will institute a positive component for the compliant owners by handing out clean up bags with a dog biscuit. Dave offered to coordinate this activity. Finally, we will look into providing the officers with vests which will better identify them as authorities.
- Ted and Sharon Hayes gave an informal presentation on their photographic capabilities and offered to help with brochures, website photos, etc. They also showed samples of the Easter Bunny pictures.

**Officer Reports**

**Pat Rosenthal-President**

- On May 11 Pat and Dave have been invited to receive a Citation from the Board of Selectmen in recognition of the Friends’ efforts in the Earth Day Clean-up.

**Dave Cassinelli-Vice-President**

- No Report

**Tom Myatt-Treasurer**

## Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

### Treasurer Report: 1/1/09 - 4/30/09

	Dollars		Percentages	
<b>Opening Balance</b>			\$ 11,356.25	
<b>Income:</b>				
Donations		\$ 2,881.00		78.4%
Cross Roads Foundation	\$ 186.00			5.1%
Divoll-Steinka	\$ 125.00			3.4%
Harmon Foundation	\$ 2,500.00			68.0%
Khalsa	\$ 70.00			1.9%
Interest		\$ 4.43		0.1%
Membership Fees		\$ 620.00		16.9%
T-Shirt Sales		\$ 170.00		4.6%
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 3,675.43</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Appreciation		\$ 40.00		3.4%
Education		\$ 47.98		4.0%
Fees		\$ 5.54		0.5%
Insurance - Directors & Officers		\$ 804.00		67.4%
Postage		\$ 25.20		2.1%
Publicity		\$ 18.09		1.5%
Trail Improvement		\$ 251.22		21.1%
Doggie Bags	\$ 220.00			18.5%
Kiosks	\$ 31.22			2.6%
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$ 1,192.03</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Net Change</b>			<b>\$ 2,483.40</b>	
<b>Closing Balance</b>			<b>\$ 13,839.65</b>	
<b>Open Spending Authorizations</b>			<b>\$ 625.45</b>	
<b>Uncommitted Available Funds</b>			<b>\$ 13,214.20</b>	
<b>Opening Spending Authorizations:</b>	<b>Authorized</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	
#08-15: Adopt-a-Trail signs	\$ 500.00	\$ 256.46	\$ 243.54	
#09-01: 2010 Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
#09-04: Dog rule pamphlets	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
#09-05: 2009 Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 200.00	\$ 18.09	\$ 181.91	
			<b>\$ 625.45</b>	

Nancy Wojick-Secretary

- There were 2 renewals this month, and no new members.

**Committee Reports**

Reno DeLuzio-Milford Upper Charles Trail

- Phase 2 will probably break ground in July at the earliest. Mass Highway manages the project so it is hard to define when it will be done.
- Holliston has completed negotiations with CSX and is ready to progress on their portion.

Dave Cassinelli-Maintenance and Enhancement

- The cleanup day was a great success
- The second kiosk is under construction at the Commuter Parking Lot.
- The broken fences at Fino Field is fixed, however they still need to repair the gate in the fence. Mike B. is trying to get money to fix it.
- A fall clean-up day is scheduled for October 17 with a rain date of October 24. Will Roper would like to participate in the event again.

Julie Rosenthal and Linda Konvalinka-Education & Activities

- The Safety Day is tentatively scheduled for June 20. Fire Dept, Police, Bike Shop are to be involved. Julie will follow with Sgt. Sacco regarding the Sheriff's Dept. truck. Dave will get the Fire Dept. contact.
- Halloween bat hike in October scheduled, and group bike rides during the summer.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Linda will lead a Bat Hike
- Trail usage counts are in progress.
- As part of the Earth Day cleanup we participated in a DEP study of deposit vs. non-deposit bottles. We may qualify for a stipend. Pat proposed donating that stipend to the student's organization who did all of the sorting.

**Old Business**

- Julie and Marie will work on a Member Appreciation Barbecue to be held in the Midtown parking lot late summer. Marie felt that the market could donate some food and she will also check with Laura Mann to see if there are any legal issues. They will do an invitation with a RSVP format.

## New Business

- Marie reported that Midtown is going to do an indoor cycling “Spinathon” to stimulate membership in June.
- The following motions were made and approved:
  - We will donate up to \$100.00 of any stipend money from the DEP to the student leadership group that did the work sorting bottles at the cleanup. [09-06]
  - \$21.00 for bank checks [09-07]
  - \$30.00 for member discount card materials [09-08]
  - Up to \$40.00 for vests for the Animal Control officers. [09-09]
  - Reinstate Spencer Carlin’s kiosk money [09-10]
- Theresa suggested that we get hats for members. There was no decision

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 2.

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:10 PM