

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
June 2, 2009**

Call to Order

- Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. There were 12 members and 2 visitors present.

Approval of Minutes

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

Guest Presentation

- Patty Moran spoke to the group about her efforts to establish a dog park in the town. After lengthy discussion regarding the difficulty in locating suitable property it was suggested that Patty should contact the Dept. of Corrections as they are taking over the property that was recently vacated by the National Guard. They will have some dog training on site and may be sympathetic to the cause. Another suggestion was to contact Dominic Afonso or other developers who may have property to donate.
- Reno DeLuzio informed us that P.A. Landers has been awarded the contract for Phase 2 construction. The project should begin early this summer. Reno will coordinate a ribbon cutting ceremony when he receives notification that construction begins. It will be held at the Rt. 109 site behind CVS.

Officer Reports

- Pat Rosenthal-President
 - Pat was contacted by a representative from the high school informing her that a student had been charged with recent vandalism of signage along the trail. The police department is pressing charges and restitution will be made.
 - Naman Shah who constructed the bat boxes and bird houses along the trail will become an Eagle Scout on June 28th.
 - Pat shared the citation from the Board of Selectmen thanking the Friends group for their efforts in cleanup on Earth Day.
 - Will Roper would like to do another E-Waste collection day in conjunction with our fall clean-up on Oct. 17th. Dave Casinelli suggested that there may be a conflict with the football schedule at Fino Field.
- Dave Cassinelli-Vice-President
 - No Report

- Tom Myatt-Treasurer

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail
Treasurer Report: 1/1/09 - 5/31/09**

	Dollars	Percentages
Opening Balance	\$ 11,356.25	
Income:		
Donations	\$ 3,921.00	82.6%
Cartridge World	\$ 1,000.00	21.1%
Cross Roads Foundation	\$ 186.00	3.9%
Divoll-Steinka	\$ 125.00	2.6%
Harmon Foundation	\$ 2,500.00	52.7%
Khalsa	\$ 110.00	2.3%
Interest	\$ 5.51	0.1%
Membership Fees	\$ 650.00	13.7%
T-Shirt Sales	\$ 170.00	3.6%
Total Income	\$ 4,746.51	100%
Expenses:		
Appreciation	\$ 40.00	3.3%
Education	\$ 47.98	4.0%
Fees	\$ 5.54	0.5%
Insurance - Directors & Officers	\$ 804.00	66.5%
Postage	\$ 25.20	2.1%
Publicity	\$ 18.09	1.5%
Trail Improvement	\$ 268.37	22.2%
Doggie Bags	\$ 220.00	18.2%
Kiosks	\$ 31.22	2.6%
Trail Clean Ups	\$ 17.15	1.4%
Total Expense	\$ 1,209.18	100%
Net Change	\$	

	3,537.33
Closing Balance	\$ 14,893.58
Open Spending Authorizations	\$ 941.45
Uncommitted Available Funds	\$ 13,952.13

Opening Spending Authorizations:	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	
# 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	
# 09-06: To students for sorting bottles	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	Funds from DEP
# 09-07: Bank checks	\$ 21.00	\$ -	\$ 21.00	
# 09-08: Membership card materials	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	
# 09-09: Animal control officer vests	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00	
# 09-10: Spencer Carlin kiosk	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00	
			\$ 941.45	

- Nancy Wojick-Secretary

2009 Membership Dues					
	<u>New</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Bronze	15	7	22	\$ 210.00	27%
Silver	1	2	3	\$ 75.00	10%
Gold	1	3	4	\$ 200.00	25%
Pathfinder	0	3	3	\$ 300.00	38%
Trail Blazer	0	0	0	\$ -	0%
	17	15	32	\$ 785.00	100%

2009 Membership Status						
	<u>12/31/08</u>	<u>Dropped</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Percent</u>	
Bronze	30	5	15	40	61%	
Silver	15	2	1	14	21%	
Gold	4	1	1	4	6%	
Pathfinder	7	0	0	7	11%	
Trail Blazer	1	0	0	1	2%	
Total	57	8	17	66	100%	
Check Sum		8	17			

Committee Reports

- Dave Cassinelli-Maintenance and Enhancement
 - Dog bags are now biodegradable so orders should be kept to a reasonable size.
 - Dog clean-up signs are being made and will be installed at the trail heads
 - Reno will contact Highway Surveyor to get us on the line painting schedule to repaint faded lines
 - Dave will contact Cub Scouts to see if they will build a back-up supply of birdhouses to replace damaged ones.
 - Dave will contact Mike Bresciani regarding fencing that needs to be replaced at Huckleberry Brook and at the Dilla St. damn.
 - The weeds behind Benjamin Moore have been cut back but continue to be a threat to the integrity of the asphalt.

- Christine Haslam-Education and Activities
 - The Masons are planning a big event for October 4th. It was decided to reschedule the Bike Safety program that was cancelled for June 20th to this event.
 - Trail Counts were held. Pat has the results
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- Julie Rosenthal-Publicity
 - Proposed sending a thank you letter to the Milford Town Crier thanking them for the good coverage. Also, in support of the publication suggested purchasing a 1/8 page ad advertising trail membership benefits.
 - Has quotes for Dog Officer vests. After discussion it was decided to get 2 of them.

- Planning membership BBQ for late summer. Est. 100 people if we send invitations to members and their families. An RSVP format will be used. Marie Clemente offered support in purchasing food and will allow us to use the parking lot at Midtown Family Fitness.
- Membership and Fundraising-Margaret Myatt and Susan Edmondson
 - Chair people were absent but Marie Clemente was thanked for recruiting 5 new members last month. She is also planning a “Spinathon” at the club to raise funds and membership.

New Business

- Officer elections will be held in September. Pat is retiring from Presidency; the other three officers (Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will stay on for one more 2 year term if they are nominated and elected at the general meeting . We will also need to elect a new director to replace Tony Niro who has resigned. Tony has been invaluable in his support for the trail but finds that family and business obligations no longer allow him to devote his time.
- Reno DeLuzio expressed support for the suggestion that we find an “Historian” to document the development of the trail. He also feels that our website is stale and needs new energy and better input on current events, particularly with the start of phase 2 construction. Ted Hayes has offered to help with photography for the trail, but we need a reporter.
- Reno also noted that the condition of the 2 downtown trailheads was very shabby. Alternatives has been waiting for the kiosk to go in, and the Italian Vets are just getting started on their portion. Things will be progressing in the next couple of weeks.
- The following motions were approved:
 - Up to \$500.00 for a membership barbecue [09-11]
 - Up to \$500.00 for doggie bags [09-12]
 - Up to \$100.00 for 2 dog officer vests [09-13]
 - \$200.00 for 4 dog leash and clean up signs and installation hardware [09-14]
 - Up to \$200.00 for a 1/8th page ad in the Town Crier [09-15]
 - Increase the amount approved for the 2009 Easter Egg Hunt to \$250.00 [09-16]
 - Up to \$230.00 to reimburse without receipts for the 2009 Easter Egg Hunt [09-17]
 - Close the authorization for \$100.00 for the 2010 Easter Egg Hunt [09-18]

The next meeting will be held on August 4.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15