

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
September 1, 2009**

Call to Order

- Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. There were 10 members and 1 guest present.

Approval of Minutes

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

Guest Presentation

- Demetra Edwards presented some suggestions for making the trail safe and accessible for vision impaired and wheelchair bound users. She will forward printed materials detailing suggested additions to our current layout. While it was agreed this is valuable information the trail is ADA compliant in its present state; the enhancements would be very expensive. One improvement that will be made is at the edge of the asphalt turnout area leading down a slope and into the lake. Our new Adopt a Trail partner the YMCA is interested in working on this. Other items may be added to the “Wish List”.

Officer Reports

- Pat Rosenthal – President
 - The Hopkinton Trails Club will be rededicating their Center Trail on September 13th at 2:00PM. Speakers, a ribbon cutting, hike and reception are planned.
- Vice President – Dave Cassinelli
 - No Report

- Treasurer – Tom Myatt

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail
Treasurer Report: 1/1/09 – 8/31/09

	Dollars	
Opening Balance	\$	11,356.25
Income:		
Donations	\$	4,025.00
Cartridge World	\$ 1,000.00	
Cross Roads Foundation	\$ 186.00	
Divoll-Steinka	\$ 125.00	
General	\$ 17.00	
Harmon Foundation	\$ 2,500.00	
Khalsa	\$ 150.00	
Trail Barbeque	\$ 47.00	
Interest	\$	9.31
Membership Fees	\$	1,530.00
Fund Raising	\$	461.00
Bottle & Can Redemption	\$ 250.00	
Raffle Tickets	\$ 11.00	
T-Shirt Sales	\$ 200.00	
Total Income	\$	6,025.31
Expenses:		
Appreciation	\$	40.00
Education	\$	47.98
Events	\$	446.68
Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 248.09	
Trail Barbeque	\$ 198.59	
Fees	\$	28.17
Insurance - Directors & Officers	\$	804.00
Membership Badge Materials	\$	29.99
Postage	\$	25.20
Trail Improvement	\$	704.97
Doggie Bags	\$ 465.00	
Kiosks	\$ 67.22	
Signage	\$ 155.60	
Trail Clean Ups	\$ 17.15	
Total Expense	\$	2,126.99
Net Change	\$	3,898.32
Closing Balance	\$	15,254.57
Open Spending Authorizations	\$	1,329.94
Uncommitted Available Funds	\$	13,924.63

Opening Spending Authorizations:	Authorized	Expended	Remaining
# 08-15: Adopt-a-Trail signs	\$ 500.00	\$ 256.46	\$ 243.54
# 09-04: Dog rule pamphlets	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
# 09-06: To students for sorting bottles	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
# 09-10: Spencer Carlin kiosk	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00
# 09-12: Doggie bags	\$ 500.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 255.00
# 09-13: Animal control officer vests	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
# 09-14: Dog leash & cleanup signs	\$ 200.00	\$ 143.60	\$ 56.40
# 09-15: Town Crier ad - 1/8 page	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
# 09-16: Kiosk hardware	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
			\$ 1,329.94

- Nancy Wojick-Secretary
 - Membership is stable at 92. There were 4 renewals this month.

Committee Reports

- Dave Cassinelli-Maintenance and Enhancements
 - A completed application to become an Adopt a Trail partner was received from Hockomock YMCA and they were approved to maintain the trail section beginning at the Dilla Street/Louisa Lake parking lot and ending at the first asphalt turnout.
 - There is a puddle that forms after rain on the section near the Dauphinee bench. Also, a problem with erosion on some banks that are currently just dirt, and being used by mountain bikers as “ramps”. It was suggested that some fencing and planting of ground cover might help.
 - The fall clean-up is scheduled for Oct. 17 from 9-12. Rain date is Oct. 24th. Boston Cares will be coming to help out. We need trimmers, weed wackers, edgers, blowers and coal shovels.
 - Dave will talk to Mike Bresciani about the Friends buying an edger for the Parks Department. Reno suggested that they pick it out.
 - Our Adopt a Trail partners need to be reminded of their obligations. There are inspection report forms available online at our website.
 - Will Roper will do eWaste collection at the Mason’s craft fair on Oct. 4th and wants to do another one at our cleanup day on the 17th. Committee feels he should wait for spring cleanup.
 - A motion was made to move the eWaste collection to our spring cleanup.
 - A motion was made to have a table at the Mason’s Craft Fair on Oct. 4th.

- Christine Haslam-Education and Activities
 - There are no activities scheduled at this time.
 - A suggestion was made that we could have people build bird houses as part of the Oct. 17th cleanup day. Marie Clemente mentioned that Midtown has tentatively scheduled an anniversary open house for Oct. 3 and perhaps we could do this activity at that time.
 - A motion was made and approved to authorize Dave to spend up to \$100.00 for wood to build replacement bird houses.
 - Marie Clemente has generously donated coffee and pizza for volunteers at the Oct. cleanup.

- Membership and Fundraising
 - No report

New Business

- A motion was made and approved to spend \$35.00 for a table at the Mason’s Craft Fair. This will also generate an ad for us in the program book.
- Pat Rosenthal volunteered to organize staffing for the table and to help Will Roper at the eWaste site.
- Election of new officers for the next 2 years

- Dave Cassinelli – President
- Marie Clemente – Vice-President
- Tom Myatt – Treasurer
- Nancy Wojick – Secretary
- Dick Flooks – Director to replace Tony Niro (One Year)

We applauded Pat Rosenthal for the outstanding job that she has done for the Friends as President over the past 2 years. She will attend BOD meetings when possible. Also, Dave asked that someone else take over the Maintenance and Enhancement function now that he will be handling the President's responsibilities.

Old Business

- Tom Myatt questioned open items for kiosk signage and dog officer vests. Nancy reported that these two projects are completed and we are waiting for invoices.
- A motion was made and approved for approximately \$30.00 to be reimbursed to Nancy for paper and ink expenses over the past 2 years.

A new meeting schedule will be discussed at the Board meeting on September 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.