

**Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail**  
**Minutes of the General Membership Meeting**

**January 5, 2010**

**Call to Order**

- ❖ Dave Cassinelli called the meeting to order at 7:05. There were 6 members and 5 guests present.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Guest Presentations**

- ❖ Spencer Carlin presented an update on the kiosk at the Commuter Parking lot trailhead.
  - He will have a wooden sign engraved with the help of Blackstone Valley Tech shop. There was a discussion regarding the content of the sign and it was agreed that Spencer would submit a couple of different proposals for review by the Board of the Friends and Reno and the Trail Committee. It is Spencer's hope that the project will be completed by the end of February.
- ❖ Reno Deluzio was unable to attend.
  - In Reno's absence the minutes from the December meeting of the Trail Committee were read. PA Landers is working on the segment going toward Holliston because there are fewer abutters and complications there. Work will begin in the spring on the Hopkinton leg. Nothing has been done going to the Senior Center yet as that is more complicated and there is a lot of drainage work to be done. Bob Buckley suggested that they prepare a presentation for the selectmen to address a temporary trail until the by-pass road is constructed.

**Officer Reports**

- ❖ Dave Cassinelli – President
  - No report
- ❖ Marie Clemente – Vice President
  - Absent – No report
- ❖ Tom Myatt – Treasurer
  - Absent – No report. Tom was traveling and will provide updates at next meeting.
- ❖ Nancy Wojick – Secretary
  - We ended the year with 113 members and a total of \$2040.00 income from dues. This compared with 2008 year end of 70 members and \$2485.00 in income. Renewals have not been coming in well at all; none of the 15 notices sent recently have renewed. It should be noted that 49 of the new members were signed up at the BBQ and 6 were enrolled at the Mason's event (where all of their dues were given as the raffle prize).
  - We have been notified by the Harmon Foundation that the Friends of the Trail will once again be receiving a generous donation. The exact amount is not known at this time.

## **Committee Reports**

- ❖ Maintenance and Enhancement – Marie Clemente
  - Absent – no report
- ❖ Education and Enhancement – Christine Haslam
  - Absent – no report
- ❖ Julie Rosenthal – Publicity
  - There have not been any activities requiring publicity. She does have a press release and photo from the presentation of the Safety Vests to the Dog Officer and will send that out. She stated that she no longer had access to the media email file and Nancy said she would send it to Julie.
- ❖ Membership and Fundraising – Margaret Myatt and Susan Edmondson
  - Absent – no report
- ❖ Safety – John Edmondson
  - Absent – no report

## **Old Business**

- ❖ Nothing to discuss

## **New Business**

- ❖ Family Fun Fair will be held March 6 at the High School. Theresa Mazzarelli and Linda Morley will staff the table from 10:00 – 2:00. Dave will help with setup and breakdown. Theresa wants lollipops at the table.
- ❖ Linda Morley introduced the topic of doing a “snow shoe” event. She will contact the Youth Center director to discuss the idea. It would necessitate the set up of rental equipment, would be weather driven. There was a lengthy discussion.
- ❖ We were unable to act on the following motions as 2 members had left and we had no quorum:
  - Authorize \$10.00 to purchase lollipops (This can be done under the Petty Cash Policy)
  - Delete the motion for \$50.00 for new decals made at the October meeting as the quote came in at a higher amount. Make a new motion to spend up to \$75.00.(This can also be done under the Petty Cash Policy)

The next meeting will be held March 2, 2010 at the Senior Center at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15