

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
April 6, 2010

Call To Order

- Dave Cassinelli called the meeting to order at 7:15. There were 11 members and 2 guests present.
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Guest Presentations

- Laurie Sweet spoke to the group about possible fundraising ideas to use if we decide to pursue the Guinness World Book Record for the longest hopscotch. Various dates and the types of materials to be used were also discussed. Details will be discussed at the Board of Directors meeting on April 17.
- Reno DeLuzio reported:
 1. ~~that~~ **There were was serious flooding problems of several homes at the end of Pond Street downtown due to the heavy rains and the contractor's failure to maintain existing drainage along the Senior Center Spur. In addition the heavy rains exposed and also higher than anticipated ground water levels along approximately 540 feet of trail easterly of Rte. 85, portion which will require design changes to install sub-drains.**
 2. ~~The Trail Committee is working on a plan to develop an interim path for the Phase 3 missing link to be constructed with mostly pro-bono participation. Rough estimates put the cost of the interim path at around will require about \$400,000 if the Town were to go out to bid. of additional funding.~~
 3. ~~At a recent budget meeting of the Parks and Highway Departments met with the Finance committee and the issue of trail maintenance responsibility and costs came up, there are serious budget issues.~~ **Reno stated that the Friends can no longer be the a bystander and has to take the lead in getting the Friends, Parks Department, and Highway Departments to come to a consensus on maintenance responsibilities, process, costs, and funding sources; we have to get involved and have a voice. He will arrange a meeting with Dave Cassinelli, Mike Bresciani of the Parks Dept. and Scott Crisafulli of the Highway Dept.**
- Sgt. Sanchioni said there have been some unleashed dog issues but no serious problems reported. He is still working on the helmets. He had received a letter requesting size requirements so feels this is a good sign. He also suggested a little better supervision along the trail during the Easter Egg Hunt to keep children away from the water and Dilla St.

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- Nancy Wojick – Secretary

2010 Membership Dues

	<u>New</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Bronze	4	9	13	\$ 130.00	23%
Silver	2	3	5	\$ 125.00	23%
Gold	0	4	4	\$ 200.00	36%
Pathfinder	0	1	1	\$ 100.00	18%
Trail Blazer	0	0	0	\$ -	0%
	6	17	23	\$ 555.00	100%
2010 Membership Status					
	<u>12/31/09</u>	<u>Dropped</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Bronze	87	0	4	91	76%
Silver	15	0	2	17	14%
Gold	5	0	0	5	4%
Pathfinder	6	0	0	6	5%
Trail Blazer	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	113	0	6	119	100%

- Continuing to research the Wild Apricot site to try to automate membership records and information management. Dave also asked that we notify our email list that we are now on Facebook.

Committee Reports

- Marie Clemente – Maintenance and Enhancement
 - More discussion regarding the cleanup and the role of Adopt a Trail partners, as well as hiring a landscaper to do the “heavy” work such as edging.
 - Pat Rosenthal will coordinate the cleanup day.
 - Nancy will contact Linda Konvalinka regarding a survey of invasive species.

Old Business

- The website update is in process. We need to get more information from the vendor and he needs to get payment from us for the time spent so far. Pat will continue to work on this.
- Pat will coordinate a new “trail count” to be held on May 15.

New Business

- Marie Clemente has received a request from a family to place an additional bench along the trail behind the Midtown Fitness Club. There was a discussion regarding the number of benches along phase 1 and it was thought that with 16 in place we had capped the placement of any new ones. Dave will talk to Mike Bresciani to see if he has any objections, and Reno suggested that if we allow it we specify that we have final say as to materials and design.
- Pat will get materials to represent the trail at a Transportation Booth during an Earth Day function at EMC. Theresa volunteered to assist her with this. They will use brochures and the map.
- Mr. Nargi asked permission to put a small fence by his bench to protect some flowers; this was approved.
- There was a motion made and accepted to reimburse Dave \$58.44 for the rental of a costume for the egg hunt. The entire \$350.00 previously approved had been spent on candy.
- There was a motion made and accepted to reimburse Tom Myatt in the amount of \$74.00. This was the cost of filing with the Secretary of State in the amount of \$18.50 for four years.

The next meeting will be held on May 4.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.