

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

October 5, 2010

Call to Order

- Vice President Marie Clemente call the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.
- The minutes from the September meeting were accepted
- There were 9 members and 2 guests present

Guest Presentations

- Demetra Edwards and Mike Nicholson from the Milford Commission on Disability presented some issues regarding safety for vision impaired trail users. Different options for improving access and providing a more even surface and barrier at the asphalt extension leading to the lake were discussed. Dick Flooks will follow up with the Parks Department. That area is part of the YMCA Adopt a Trail section. They also brought up the fact that a better definition of where benches are could be provided. There were other items discussed regarding kiosks, tactile maps, audio stream from the website. Demetra will provide a copy of their Power Point presentation for our records.
- Reno DeLuzio had attended a conference on Grants from the DCR (Dept. of Conservation and Recreation). He thought perhaps next year we could look into getting some funding here to address the accessibility issues. Phase 2 is going well. Phase 3 has a cost estimate of \$400,000 for engineering and \$21,000 for Environmental Permitting. He asked for support for his presentation at the Oct. 25th Town Meeting.

Officer Reports

- Dave Cassinelli – President
 - Absent
- Marie Celmente – Vice President
 - Marie read her letter of resignation as Vice President citing business issues that prevent her from contributing time to serve as VP and Maintenance and Enhancement Chair. It will be forwarded to Dave.

- Tom Myatt – Treasurer- Absent but sent report

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail			
Treasurer Report: 1/1/10 - 9/30/10			
Dollars			
Opening Balance			15,280.91
Checking Account, 0.1%		15,280.91	
Income			
Donations		3,135.00	
Interest (checking & CD's)		67.61	
Membership Fees		970.00	
T-Shirt Sales		120.00	
Total Income		4,292.61	
Expenses			
Bird Houses		31.49	
Doggie Bags		245.00	
Easter Egg Hunt		406.91	
Masons Fino Field Table		50.00	
Fees - State and Paypal		89.05	
Insurance		832.00	
Kiosks		195.00	
Membership Decals		113.00	
Postage		52.80	
Stationery Supplies		35.98	
Trail Cleanups		56.88	
Website Development		600.00	
Total Expense		2,708.11	
Net Change			1,584.50
Closing Balance			16,865.41
Checking Account, 0.1%		11,825.37	
CD: 8/27/10, 6-mth, 0.8%		0.00	
CD: 3/27/11, 13-mth, 1.35%		5,040.04	
Open Spending Authorizations			518.51
Uncommitted Available Funds			16,346.90
Opening Spending Authorizations:	Authorized	Expended	Remaining
# 09-04: Dog rule pamphlets	100.00	0.00	100.00
# 09-19: Kiosk hardware	50.00	0.00	50.00
# 09-20: Birdhouse materials	100.00	31.49	68.51
# 10-09: Trail website development	900.00	600.00	300.00
			518.51

- Nancy Wojick – Secretary
 - There was one renewal this month. There was also an donation of \$190.00 received from the Mary V. Vrable Fund designated to help with maintenance of the trail.

Old Business

- The cleanup is on for the 16th. Meet at Fino field at 9:00. Pat will bring signup sheets.

New Business

- A motion was made and accepted to spend up to \$1,000.00 for improvements for handicapped users of the trail.

The next meeting will be held on November 2.

Adjourned at 8:55.