

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

February 8, 2011

Call to Order

- President Dave Cassinelli called the meeting to order at 7:05
- The minutes from the December 7th 2010 meeting were accepted
- There were 6 members and 1 guest in attendance

Guest Presentation

- Reno DeLuzio indicated that work on the new sections of the trail were non-existent due to the winter weather conditions. There will be an abutters' meeting in March. There are some permits for Phase 2 still outstanding, but if things begin according to plan in the spring we should look for a summer completion for these two sections of the trail.

It was asked if it would be possible to open a single lane during the winter however Reno responded that there would be liability issues, and that also the Parks and Recreation Department does not have the equipment or manpower to take this on. The trail was never intended to be plowed, or to have night lighting.

Officer Reports

- Dave Cassinelli-President
 - Increasing active membership will be the key focus for the upcoming year. It was suggested that we host an informational open house in the spring with a guest speaker. Also, that more web content promoting the value of the trail to our community be developed.
 - Planning should begin for the Grand Opening of Phase 2. Tentative date Saturday Sept. 24th.
 - The Board of Directors had decided that we would not be participating in the Family Fun Fair, nor would we be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt this year.
- John Edmondson-Vice-President
 - No Report
- Tom Myatt – Treasurer
 - The trail currently has a balance of \$16,500.00 in our account
- Nancy Wojick – Secretary
 - Absent – no report

Old Business

- Dave will review the Commission on Disabilities requests presented to the Friends group In October and discuss with them, and with the Parks Department. We need to determine more specifically who is responsible for implementing the requested changes.
- Tom Myatt initiated a discussion regarding the Hop Scotch event. It has been decided that this idea may not be feasible because of the number of volunteers required, and the logistics involved with such an undertaking.
- There is still a Director's position still vacant
- There is a need for someone to learn to maintain the new website

New Business

- The Grand Opening for Phase 2 was discussed. This ceremony will be different than our Phase 1 celebration as the new sections are on opposite ends of the town. It will most likely be more of a ribbon cutting and photo-op event. A possible date is Saturday Sept. 24. We would need to provide a podium with battery operated mike and a platform.
- Alison Dann suggested a scavenger hunt as a fundraising activity.
- Pat Rosenthal will look into some ideas for an April Open House. She will see about a speaker.
- Discussed possibility of purchasing sweatshirts rather than t-shirts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

The next meeting will be held March 1.