

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes of the General Meeting

August 2, 2011

Call to Order

- President Dave Cassinelli called the meeting to order at 7:05
- There were 13 members and 5 visitors present
- The minutes from the June 7 meeting were approved as submitted

Guest Presentations

- Sgt. Sanchioni reported that there have been no major issues with the trail, however the police have been monitoring graffiti and quarry traffic by teenagers, many of whom come from out of town. Reno Deluzio will question the town attorney on how to restrict this type of activity. John Edmundson will keep a log and report to Sgt. Sanchioni on graffiti and vandalism.
- Sgt. Sanchioni was able to procure 45 bike helmets through a grant from the state. We will need to decide when will be the best time to distribute them.
- Jacob Bogner presented his plans to construct a barrier at the end of the first pull-out section by the lake. This will be done to prevent accidental falling into the water. A motion was made and approved to fund Jacob's project up to \$100.00 for materials.

Officer Reports

- Dave Cassinelli – President
 - We need two directors
 - Election of Officers will be held at the September meeting.
- John Edmundson – Vice President
 - Will re-contact all current Adopt a Trail partners to update their commitment. He will also walk the new sections of the trail and set boundaries for new partners.
- Nancy Wojick –Secretary
 - We have had 5 new members, 5 renewals in the past month. There are still 2 old members who need to renew

- Tom Myatt – Treasurer

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Treasurer Report: 1/1/11 - 7/31/11

	Dollars	
Opening Balance		16,339.93
<u>Income</u>		
Donations	210.00	
Interest (checking & CD's)	24.17	
Membership Fees	<u>1,245.00</u>	
Total Income	1,479.17	
<u>Expenses</u>		
Doggie Bags	245.00	
Doggie Bag Station	218.00	
Fees - Paypal	9.85	
Insurance - Liability	869.00	
Open House	47.79	
Stationery Supplies	52.59	
Table Top Poster	97.95	
Trail Clean Up	<u>20.15</u>	
Total Expense	1,560.33	
Net Change		(81.16)
Closing Balance		<u>16,258.77</u>
Open Spending Authorizations		<u>3,202.41</u>
Uncommitted Available Funds		13,056.36

Opening Spending Authorizations:	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
# 11-0X Website maintenance	500.00	0.00	500.00
# 11-0X Doggie bags	500.00	245.00	255.00
# 11-0X Stationery supplies	200.00	52.59	147.41
# 11-0X Ribbon cutting ceremony	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
# 11-0X Trash barrels	200.00	0.00	200.00
# 11-0X Government filing fees	200.00	0.00	200.00
# 11-0X Printing new brochures	250.00	0.00	250.00
# 11-0X Updated trail maps for kiosks	150.00	0.00	150.00
# 11-0X Sandwich board signs	500.00	0.00	<u>500.00</u>
			3,202.41

Old Business

- The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially open the Phase 2 parts of the Trail will be held on Saturday, September 24th at 10:00 AM Rain or Shine. Sheldon has arranged for a platform, microphone, canopy and chairs. The location will be at the CVS parking lot site. Pat Rosenthal will look into providing some simple refreshments. Reno will handle invitations, Nancy will do publicity. John will get Police Explorers.
- Dave continues to work with Joe Nunez on the construction of a new kiosk by the CVS entrance to the trail
- The Person bench has been approved

- Wegman's has been approved as a new Adopt a Trail partner for the Quinshipaug area.
- Alison Dann will coordinate website updates with Greg Lamb

New Business

- There has been a request to plant 2 trees along the fence by the Senior Center. Nancy will look into it
- Brett Staupe raised the issue of safety along the Phase 2 stretch regarding straps on gates that present a tripping hazard in twilight. Reno will look into this
- Nancy will check to see if there are pedestrian "buttons" on the crossing lights at Rt. 85 and Rt. 109 sections.

The next meeting will be held September 6 at 7:00 at the Senior Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30