

## Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

### Minutes of the General Meeting February 7, 2012

- President Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- The minutes from the January meeting were accepted.
- There were 11 members and 5 guests present.

#### **Guests:**

**Girl Scout Troop 30572:** Troop leader Stephanie Haley and scouts Molly, Emily, and Sami proposed a rock painting mural promoting staying active outdoors; focusing on health and activity. Also, they proposed a geocache and letterbox project that works like a treasure hunt. Three caches, or small boxes, along the trail will offer little prizes and also clues that lead to the mural. Geocaching is an international outdoor activity.

There were misc. questions about the mural and the geocache project. Reno DeLuzio moved to support the project, seconded by Dave Cassinelli. Passed unanimously. No expenditures required.

**Lauren Carroll, American Heart Association** wants to AHA-brand the trail as a resource for [www.startwalkingnow.org](http://www.startwalkingnow.org). We can list the trail as a resource on this site. AHA members will walk the trail and confirm that it meets their seven criteria for branding. Lauren will publish the trail on site for us. AHA will purchase two signs, one at the beginning and one at the end. The program is nationally sponsored by United Health Care. There was special interest in the downloadable smart phone application giving users mileage, location, etc. AHA will provide signs.

Reno DeLuzio moved to support the project, seconded by Ed Eck. Passed unanimously. Dave C. and Nancy Wojick will work with Lauren to install the signs.

#### **Officers and Committee Reports:**

##### Chairman, Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee – Reno DeLuzio

The Walden Woods developer was at the Selectmen meeting on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> proposing to build the trail's phase 3 if he can waive requirements for his development. (Age 55 and over restriction.) The proposal will need to go the Planning Board on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. All are urged to attend. Friends will write a letter to the Planning Board to be put on record for this public hearing.

##### President

President Pat Rosenthal reported that we received a thank you from Sarah Quirk regarding service hours. That Milford Show went very well, and may be viewed on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

John Edmondson has submitted his resignation as Director. The bylaws require a two-week notice of vacancy before a vote occurs for a replacement. Therefore, we will vote on a new director next meeting. Pat is working on an open house for the trail this spring. Hopkinton's trail group may want to participate. Family Fun Fair 3/31/2012. Margaret is spear-heading.

There is an opportunity for a generic phone number on the website. Dick Flocks is organizing.

##### Vice President

Vice Dave Cassinelli had no report

##### Treasurer:

Tom Myatt was absent, but Margaret Myatt reported for him. No significant activity. Under finances, motions were made:

**Dave Cassinelli made a motion** to close out the authorization to spend \$50 on caution signs. Seconded by Ed Eck. Passed unanimously. The Highway Department fixed the signs, and no purchase is necessary.

**Dick Flooks made a motion** to authorize an additional \$200 for printing brochures. Seconded by Irwin Maklow. Passed unanimously. Additional brochures may be needed for Maine Oxy's Grand Opening, of which it has asked us to participate. Also, brochures will be need for the Family Fun Fair.

#### Secretary – Margaret Myatt

There are currently 72 members.

Margaret will be organizing the Friends table at the Family Fun Fair on 3/31. We will have brochures, and hopefully handouts about the new AHA smart phone app. Ed E. suggested having a running DVD of trail video, including That Milford Show.

#### Maintenance:

Dick Flooks is working on purchasing barrels. He's looking at plastic barrels, instead of metal, with no jagged edge. Free.

Highway Department fixed run-off problem by Wendy's.

#### Trail Website Committee – Theresa Mazzarelli

Theresa reported that they had a good meeting with Greg. For \$400 he will do all the updates.

Every month he will update, and he will update exclusively. He will add missing link to the map.

Sponsors are paying \$100 per year. Italian American Vets donated \$25 and will be listed in some capacity as a web site supporter. Pat noted that they are also an "adopt-a-trail" sponsor.

General discussion of new site content. The new website may be up-and-running by our next meeting.

#### **Old Business**

Earlier we closed the authorization to spend \$50.00 on 2 caution signs.

Dave said he would be purchasing doggie bags.

#### **New Business**

It was announced that the next meeting will be held on 3/6/2012 at 7:00 pm at the Milford Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.