

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes of the General Meeting September 4, 2012

- President Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- There were 12 members and one guest present.
- Motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the August meeting.

Guests:

Thomas Hancox, Boy Scout, Troop 18, presented his Eagle Scout project for a speed bump/barrier construction near the Senior Center spur. Thomas is getting input from Mike Nicholson of the Milford Disabilities Commission. Reno suggested talking to Town Engineer Mike Santoro. Thomas will also be contacting Dig Safe because poles will be inserted into the trail blacktop. Estimated costs include \$400 for the barrier and its construction, and \$300 for Arborvitae. Once the project is approved, the Friends may directly support the project with a donation. Friends will find its existing, outstanding allocation to Arborvitae for the Senior Center spur. Thomas's timeframe is to break ground in two months.

Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee – Reno DeLuzio:

Phase III (aka The Missing Link), begins this fall with ground engineering. Most will begin spring, 2013 and the project extends into fall, 2014. Reno also mentioned Holliston has received a small grant to work on the Milford connection.

Rte. 85 traffic light works inconsistently. Reno is in discussion with the highway and transportation departments.

Officers and Committee Reports:

President – Pat Rosenthal

Brett Staube handed in an application for Adopt-a-Trail program for the Staube Family. He is interested in the section from Holliston line to Beaver Street. This application has already been approved, pending application submission.

Vice President – David Casinelli

No report.

Secretary – Margaret Myatt

No particular report – membership is steady, consistent at about 78. She reported on emails from folks about walkers not walking on the left, and referenced the town bylaws about the trail. Margaret will respond saying that the rules are that all users stay to the right. Also, Waters will be having its health fair on November 6th and hope we participate. Nancy Wojick organized that last year, so Margaret will contact her. Linda Morley volunteered to help.

Treasurer – Tom Myatt

In Tom's absence, Margaret reported that there is no news since the last meeting. One expenditure, however, needed approval. \$59.88 for Margaret's expenditure of Web site hosting. Approved unanimously.

Trail Website Committee – Theresa Mazzarelli

All is well, but Theresa is looking for new stories. She wants to do stories about the benches and our sponsors. She is also suggesting that we give auto decals to sponsors for their store fronts. Perhaps a story highlighting the positive work BVT and others are doing to fight malicious graffiti and vandalism. Everyone agreed.

Facebook is very successful and active. 52,000 fans and friends of fans!

Presently, there are no website analytics. Theresa will talk to Greg about setting up Google Analytics.

Maintenance and Enhancements

Pat reported that Nancy said that the Friends from Walden Woods group is interested in adopting trail portion #2.

Dave has not yet purchased the blower (allocated \$350) and he may do so preparing for the fall clean-up. A director will be custodian of this equipment. Adopters may be able to borrow the equipment for trail portion maintenance,

Trail clean-up will be on the October 27th at Fino Field, 9:00 am – 12 noon. Rain/snow date November 3rd.

Bench updates: Christine Ramirez has requested a memorial bench near Wildcat Pond. She wants it for a family memorial gathering on the trail for September 22nd. Dave is trying to accommodate her. Harold Rhodes is still working for a handicapped accessible bench, and these two benches won't impede on each other. Several other people have expressed interest in benches.

There are miscellaneous erosion and maintenance projects that are ongoing. Reno suggested a letter to the Parks Department to encourage more proactive communications and maintenance. Reno suggested a walk through with Nancy, David, and Mike Brisciani.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Three director positions are open, and Nancy Wojick has offered and Sheldon. Motions were made and unanimous. Guru Khalsa-Bob volunteered to be a Director. Motions unanimous. Therefore, elected Directors are Nancy Wojick, Sheldon Moniz, and Guru Khalsa-Bob.

Conclusion:

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 2nd .

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.