

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes of the General Meeting April 2, 2013

- President Pat Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- 12 members and 1 non-member were present.

Eagle Scout Thomas Hancox – Thomas's speed barrier project along the Senior Center spur is going well. Poles will go into this ground this week or next week. It was determined that the arborvitae shrubs discussed previously would no longer be needed due to the stockade fencing recently installed. Thomas said the goal is to be done by April 14.

Minutes from last meeting - Reno Deluzio motioned to accept the February, 2013 minutes, seconded, passed unanimously.

Reno Deluzio – Milford Trail Committee – Reno is working on the "The Holliston Connection." The Milford trail ends about 230 feet short of Holliston border. Holliston, Milford, and Zain Ridge are cooperating to complete this section. Reno received permission to allow the town of Holliston to work on Milford property.

President Report

Pat presented the Milford Commission on Disability proposal for handicapped benches. The proposal includes Mike Brisciani of the Parks Dept. getting competitive quotes for purchase and installation.

The March Trail Symposium went well. Thank you notes went out to organizers and contributors. Bill Kavanaugh was commended for making a beautiful wooden clock for the Upper Charles Trail Milford for the symposium.

Tom Connors from the Needham Trail team had extended an invitation to their group's meeting. They are organizing bike trips to regional rail-trails in the area. If anyone is interested in participating, please let the Friends know. Also, they may sponsor a regional trail conference.

A reminder that the Earth Day clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 20th, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. The rain date is April 27th. Adopters need to be contacted.

Joseph Nunez's Eagle Scout dinner is May 3rd and will honor his "Kiosk for Milford Upper Charles Trail." We are invited and encouraged to attend.

Scott Cristafoli and the Highway Department have agreed to address particularly difficult maintenance issues along the trail. Details need to be worked out, but everyone was pleased that the department was participating. Nancy Wojick volunteered to be proactive in organizing a meeting with the Highway Department and the Maintenance Committee.

The annual trail census is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th and Saturday, May 18th. This is a very important function that the Friends perform, and we need to gather volunteers to count.

Vice President Dave Cassinelli – Not present, Pat reported no particular activity.

Treasurer Tom Myatt – Not present, no particular update (from Margaret Myatt)

Secretary Margaret Myatt – No particular update. We hover around 70 members.

Website – Theresa Mazzerelli – The new webmaster Richard Speroni is updating the entire site and is doing a great job. He's cleaning up images, links, and feature placement. The sponsor page has been a great success. There was discussion about hits, Facebook, and the website video project.

Maintenance – Nancy Wojick – There has been significant graffiti and vandalism on the trail, especially near the Shadowbrook area. The police are aware of it and Highway Department will work on clean up. Old projects should be removed, such as the old butterfly garden. There are new signs to be installed, including a new logo and trail information on the Rte. 109 kiosk. The bee-line people will be back when everything is done. Some flashing lights

are not working correctly (Especially at the Rte. 85 crossing.) There was agreement to connect with Milford Police and re-build the safety officer liaison relationship.

No Old Business

New Business

Bill Kavanaugh showed a rendition of his wooden clock with the town seal , similar to the one that he created for the trail.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7th , 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.