

# Minutes

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail – October 6, 2015

## Attendance

Meeting called to order 7:05pm.

Reno made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Nancy seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

## Trail Adoption Applications

Crossfit application: Thomas Mickelsen presented information about his business, which is located right off the trail. They use the trail on a daily basis and are excited to adopt a section of the trail. Nancy will get their logo and put it on the adoption sign. The main job of the adopters is to maintain their section of the trail. Reno made a motion to accept the application, Nancy seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. They will be adopting section 8.

EMC application: Andy Ferland presented information about EMC in Hopkinton. His team is about 40 people and they would like to adopt section 14. They have team members that live locally and are excited to help maintain the trail. Nancy will get their logo and put it on the adoption sign. Reno made a motion to accept the application, Nancy seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Reno Update: remedial work is not being done due to contractors being backed up on the Godfrey Brook project. Walden Woods connection is moving forward with an easement plan and appraisal. Walden Woods board is excited to move the connection forward. If the easement is approved, it would create another access point to the conservation land, which is public and surrounds Walden Woods. The Friends has committed funds and has contracted with Guerriere & Halnon, Inc to complete the survey.

## Officer reports:

President: A new edition of Trail Talk has been recorded with the Holliston trail group. Plans are in the works to do an interview with the Hopkinton trail group as well. There has been work done to correct our website and to find storage for our equipment. Scott Cristofore may have space and we will ask him. We will also talk to Mike Bruschani and Planet Aid.

Vice President: Research has been done to move forward with our new website, looking into finding a storage facility for trail equipment, and to participate in local events to increase membership.

Treasurer: See report. We have a closing balance of \$22,062.24 with \$18,429.38 in open spending authorizations and \$3,632.86 in uncommitted available funds.

Membership Committee: Margaret Myatt, as Chairwoman, presented information on trail membership. Membership is flat but stable. We have approximately 80 members. Pat Rosenthal clarified that the friends is a nonprofit and memberships are donations.

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No secretary report.

M&E: Nancy Wojick presented information on the vandalism of the granite benches along the trail. The benches have been reset and will be resealed in the near future. There has also been a significant amount of fence graffiti. We will do an evaluation before the Fall cleanup.

New Business:

Website Committee: A purchase plan was presented to update our website. Tom made a motion to approve the purchase of the Go daddy 3 year plan for \$420.91 under the existing open spending approval. Reno seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

November 7 Trail Cleanup: Crossfit has invited us to muster at their location. The cleanup is also being advertised on the TV station. Pine needles and leaves are a safety issue and blowers are available for adopters to use. We will reach out to the adopters to find out when they plan on being out. Flyers will be posted. Nancy will coordinate the trash collection along the trail.

Tom made a motion to have a rep at the pumpkin stroll with an expenditure of \$200. Reno seconded the motion, the motion passed, Pat Rosenthal and Nancy Wojick voted against and Mark Tolpin abstained.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

**Next meeting November 3, 2015 at 7pm at the Milford Senior Center**