

# Minutes

## Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – December 1, 2015

President Mike Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

### In Attendance:

Members - Katie Siciak, Mike Morrison, , Pat Rosenthal, Bill Kavanaugh, Gary Bonetti, Julie Morales, Margaret Myatt, Phillip Morales, Brett Staupe

Non-members – Bill Sanborn, Jerry Messenger

### Approval of Minutes:

We are abstaining from approving the meeting minutes from the November meeting until the next meeting due to lack of majority members in attendance.

**Guest Speaker, Bill Sanborn:** He is presenting ideas for use of the trail during the winter months. He has asked if it would be possible to groom the trail in the snow usable for snow shoeing, skiing. He has been doing research with Jerry Messenger about how they could accomplish this.

Reno Deluzio and Pat Rosenthal reiterated that the issue with plowing or grooming the trail is that it will need to be maintained consistently.

### Updates presented by Mike Morrison, President:

- *Updates about the fall cleanup:* Need to publicize the trail cleanup a little more with the public. We had a good turnout with the adopters, photos were submitted from Consigli, Planet Aid, Vineyard Church. Mike is suggesting that instead of having a fall and spring cleanup for adopters, have a cleanup month during the year. A conversation was reopened about storing the supplies and equipment for the trail.
- *Update about Milford TV:* Milford TV came out during the cleanup and Mike also did some short videos about the trail. He has an interview coming up with the Milford Informer about the National Grid work along the trail.
- *Trail Update in Milford Town Crier:* Mike has received space in the town crier to provide an update from the trail.
- *Update on Meet-and-Greet:* For the adopters and sponsors for them to get together and meet each other. Format and date of meeting to be decided. A committee was established to plan the meet & greet event.

VOTE FOR: Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> as a tentative date contingent on adopter and sponsors availability.

**Granite Bench Update:** Nancy Wojick was going to get in touch with the granite vendor about the benches and granite pavers. She was going to be touching base with those on the waitlist about their bench locations etc.

**Action:** Mike will reach out to Tom and Nancy to discuss who will be handling the Granite Benches and Placards so they can get back in touch with those on the waitlist for the benches and those asking about the placards.

### Update presented by Julie Morales, Vice President:

- *Updates about the website:* There have been a couple hiccups with updating the website. One item is transferring the photos and assigning appropriate meta tags with captions to make the website more accessible.
- *Web Stats:* 427 unique visits, 381 first time visits and 46 returning visits
- Margaret Myatt agreed to download a copy of the current website [www.milfordtail.org](http://www.milfordtail.org) on to a hard drive owned by the Friends.

**Update presented by Tom Myatt, Treasurer:** Total Income: \$6,089.81, Total Expenses: \$4,102.64 Net Change: \$1,987.17 Closing Balance: \$20,204.04, Opening Spending Authorizations: \$16,523.07, Uncommitted Funds: \$3,680.97.

**Update presented by Katie Siciak, Secretary:** No update

**Membership Committee:** Membership remains at 65 members.

**Maintenance & Enhancement presented by Nancy Wojick:** (Not in attendance, update sent to Mike) There is an ongoing issue with sandblasting graffiti behind Midtown Fitness. She is working with the town to get that removed.

- Other issues: boulders not present at Curoni property/corner of Lena Ln. and Carroll St. as per the phase III trail construction plans. Mike M. to contact Mike B. for updates. Mike M. saw several cars near trail. Need the boulders in place in order to block car traffic from the trail.

**Old Business:**

- Margaret had two meetings with the Disability Commission about the accessibility updates on the trail and picked the spots for the benches. They are also looking at the erosion along the trail to maintain and prevent it.
- Reno updated us with a presentation about signage along the trail for Trail Segment: Commuter Parking Lot Trail Head to Mount Pleasant Street.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm.