

Minutes

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting - March 1, 2016

President Mike Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

In Attendance:

Members - Mike Morrison, Julie Morales, Tom Myatt, Margaret Myatt, Reno Deluzio, Rob Davis, Bill Kavanaugh, Jane Fradkin, Pat Rosenthal, Guru Khalsa-Bob, Nancy Wojick, Gary Bonetti, Julianne Bonvino

Non-Members – Demetra Edwards, Catherine Guido, Harold Rhodes

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Tom Myatt moved and Nancy Wojick seconded to approve the minutes of the February meeting, seconded, passed unanimously.

Updates:

- Milford Commission on Disability Project – Accessibility for Visually Impaired: Harold Rhodes (MCOB chair) introduced Demetra Edwards and Margaret Myatt as advocates/members of the MCOB. Demetra presented her vocation of helping seeing impaired and teaching them how to get around. She is the leader of this project. The Friends have already allocated \$8,000 for the project, but no expenses have occurred yet. Demetra presented the site plan to reduce hazards and audio tour plans to increase safety and enhance enjoyment. Margaret and Harold commented on the value of the project for the trail and the town of Milford. The target for completion is mid-August, 2016. There is enthusiastic support from the town, and this includes an integration with the proposed MWRTA bus routes in Milford. Harold expressed assurance that the Friends' expense will not exceed the allocated \$8,000. Anything over that amount will be covered by the MCOB and fundraising.
- Meet and Greet Update: Pat Rosenthal of the Meet and Greet sub-committee presented the Meet and Greet plan. It will be held on March 15, 2016 6:30 – 8:35 pm at the Senior Center. The agenda includes: Refreshments, Selectman Brian Murray, trail sponsor program presentations, trail enhancements including enhancements spear-headed by the MCOB for the disabled community, and a get acquainted time. Get acquainted time will help build some "Milford TV Soundbytes". Nancy Wojick will produce a flyer for distribution. There was review of materials needed and jobs to do.
- Spring Clean-up: Nancy is a member of Citizens for Milford, and that organization spear-headed a Milford Clean-up last year. The group wants to do the same thing again this year on Saturday, April 30th. Hopefully all the organizations (Friends of the Trail, Sheriff's prison group, Board of Health, etc.) will participate. Nancy asked if the Friends will lend their sign-boards for the event, and there is general agreement. Action: Julie moved that the Friends will lend their sign-boards to the Citizens for Milford for the event. Pat seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Reno Deluzio Milford Trail Committee Report: The push button flashing lights have been installed on cross-walks where they were missing. Reno met with Milford Board of Walden Woods and he's making progress securing an easement across Walden Woods to access the trail. Two options could allow the easement without an article at town meeting. But, if necessary, he will work to have an article at the May Town Meeting supporting the easement. The trail committee is also working with the town on trail erosion.

Update presented by Mike Morrison, President

- Mike reported has been working on the Meet and Greet project. He had a conversation with a scout leader looking for projects on the trail. He is also working with the Winter Use Committee.

Update presented by Julie Morales, Vice President

- Julie reported that she has been working with “20/20 Outreach” at www.charityadvantage.com on the trail website. She is looking for volunteers to help her with the web site project. The previously approved GoDaddy expenditure of \$420 will not be used, and Julie reported the expense was not recovered. Julie is proceeding with the \$417.00 expenditure (For ten years) for “20/20 Outreach” as passed in the January, 2016 meeting.

Update presented by Tom Myatt, Treasurer

- Tom Myatt handed out the Treasurer’s Report and gave an overview. Pat asked about expenses for Meet and Greet. Her committee will need about \$300 and everyone was in agreement.

Update presented by Margaret Myatt

- Membership secretary Margaret Myatt reported 63 members at this time. There is a vacancy for the elected officer of Secretary.

New Business

- Trail Maintenance: Nancy Wojick reported that a fallen tree had taken down some fence railings and that in general, there is a lot of fallen tree debris. Reno mentioned that the town is trying to get to it.
- Compassion New England is no longer a trail adopter. Milford Junior Women’s Club has expressed interest in participating in the program. General discussion about the adopt-a-trail program.

Officer Elections:

- Pat moved to nominate Julianne Bonvino as the Secretary of the Friends. Jane Fradkin seconded. Unanimous.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, April 5 at the Town Library.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 p.m.