

Minutes

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – 10/04/16

President Mike Morrison called to order at 7:04 pm

In Attendance

Members: Mike Morrison, Julianne Bonvino, Bill Kavanaugh, Dick Flooks, Guru Khalsa-Bob, Nancy Wojick, Margaret Myatt, Denise Simoneau, Rita Wilkie, Dave Wilkie, Pat Rosenthal

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Nancy Wojick moved to approve the amended minutes of September meeting, Bill Kavanaugh seconded, passed unanimously.

Updates presented by Mike Morrison, President

- Mike filmed a new episode of Trail Talk: Senior Center along the trail, will be ready probably this month and YouTube in November.
- Last week Mike inspected locks along trail, found a few that wouldn't open with key. Nancy sent a note to Mike Bresciani and he said he fixed them all. Mike B says he tries to do it every change of season. Mike M would like to try to do it a couple of times per year. Nancy suggested maybe on clean up days we could split it up the trail to get it done.
- Worked with Reno on trail signage, improvements and comments from last meeting. A few issues came up: the directional signs at Fino Field - replace them with ones that can be viewed at any angle. Also stop sign at Big Y parking lot, that design was approved by town engineer and they considered design previously used at Friendly's area and 495 crossing. They will install on other side of entrance to parking lot so it applies to people exiting store parking lot so trail users will have right of way.
- Mike is waiting for further information regarding Mobilecause regarding donate by cell. Just received info 2 days ago, and haven't had a chance to review yet. Another meeting next week. The fees are steep: \$195 set-up fee and \$2995 annual contract fee. We will probably pass on that idea.

Update from Tom Myatt, Treasurer (presented by Margaret Myatt in Tom's absence)

- September Treasurer Report:

Total Income: \$3122.24
Total Expense: \$3229.45
Closing Balance: \$19,076.23
Open Spending Authorizations: \$11,742.47
Uncommitted Available Funds: \$7,333.76
Open Spending Authorizations:
 Authorized: \$15,245.00
 Expended: \$3,502.53
 Remaining: \$11,742.47

Update presented by Julianne Bonvino, Secretary

- 66 members. Two new adopter inquiries, with one also interested in being a sponsor. Julianne will ask them to submit applications.

Updates:

- Reno report from Mike: Yellow striping now in Sacred Heart area directing to path. Stabilization of banks along trail work completed. Looks great at Louisa Lake. Hopkinton end worn away, apron sticking up. Nancy said not much we can do about it because of mountain bikers going in and out of there.
- Cracked pavement north of Fino Field. Couple of bikers fell because of hump in pavement. Scott Crisafulli said he would fix. Warning cone at the site. Don't have current status.
- Adoption update: all sections adopted. 7 of 17 will have clean ups. **Action:** Pat will f/up again this week and make calls. And we may open up waitlist if we don't hear back from some. Cub scouts signage is here, Pat and Nancy will put up. Nancy mentioned the holes on trail in Walden Woods area. The town will try to fill them.
- Sponsors: Dick Flocks has collected 12 checks including: Milford Cleaners (new), J&R Diner (new), Garden Restaurant, Honey Dew, Sam Hanna DDS, Milford Bicycle, Dunkin Donuts, Mass Realty, JRM Autobody, Milford Floor, Buma Funeral Home, Dairy Queen, No Imperial and Miss Mendon yet. If we don't get a call from them, they will not be donating. Issue with Consigli Ruggiero: they said they have paid but we don't know if that is a fact. Margaret will check with Tom to confirm if we have a check from them for 2016. Pat brought them their application and certificate and he did not give Pat a check at that time. Margaret will call Dick to confirm. He will go back to Consigli if we didn't get the check.
- New website still in the works. Old website expires 10/4. **Action:** Mike will call Julie to make sure we don't lose service before new site is up. Mike got message from Richard Speroni that he will no longer be webmaster
- Bill brought up signs on Main Street – has to go to town engineer. There have been two incidents recently with the senior walking group, with cars going around stopped traffic. Mike asked about replacing signs similar to Holliston signs – LED blinking light possibly at 109 crossing and Main Street. Nancy noted a tree branch also crossing the signs on Main Street. Dick Flocks noted that Sanchioni said he could be our liaison if we need him. Margaret noted John Edmondson did a good job. Dick said Sanchioni doesn't want to come to meetings but will be designated to be the person to help us. He rides the trail on day shift. We would like to report the activity and a way to report the incidents. If police don't see it, they can't do anything. People should report it if they can. We can't prevent but we can improve conditions so motorists can see people. Nancy said we can talk to Reno about flashing beacons. The more visible the better but what is the price and can it be retrofitted into our system. **Action:** Mike will talk to Reno to start the discussion about an audible warning and different type of strobe light. Mike asked Dick if he could check if there are any near miss reports that the police have to help us with our case. We used to get summarizations reports each month from police. During the meeting Dick received a text that no issues/near misses have been reported to the police.

New Business

- Senior Center meet & greet, 6:30 pm, October 6. They invited the Friends to be there with table for membership sign ups, similar to Pumpkin Stroll. Pat asked if we know what other vendors will be there, attendance, is it worth our while? Pat will call Sue Clark to ask for details. **Motion:** Mike motioned to not participate in this meet & greet. Nancy moved and Margaret seconded, passed unanimously. Pat will get more info and call Denise S if it is worthwhile and Denise will work the table with Guru.
- Pumpkin stroll – Nancy said it's not worth our while. **Motion:** Mike motioned to not participate in the Pumpkin Stroll, Nancy approved and Margaret seconded, passed unanimously. **Action:** Julianne will respond to Mike Shain about Friends not having a table.
- Julianne received an email regarding a box truck always parked in Louisa Lake. Police should be called if there is a concern.

Old Business:

- **Action:** Nancy will follow up on the beacon being blocked on Main Street. She will follow up with town engineer.
- Benches update: Nancy said that Scott Crisafulli asked us to identify where we want benches and he will update us on the timeline for each. **Action:** Nancy and Pat will take a look and try to mark them. Disability Commission

not in conflict with others per Margaret. **Action:** Pat will follow up with Sue Clark on placement of handicap bench.

- Access disability project: Harold emailed with Mike that the work hasn't started yet. It is not a priority for the Highway Department, and no timeline for start at this time. Margaret added Scott feels bad about delay but all engineering work completed. Tom wants to get bills paid this year, but Harold is trying to avoid paying. Gerry will have a bill for a couple thousand but work not completed, so no official bills. Friends will have to be patient with getting bills. Bench may not get in until spring. Gazebo also needs work. Highway sign won't get done until this exists. Margaret continues to tell Harold about sign clutter. Harold and Demetria have been doing wonderful work but not yet visible until spring.
- Annual Fall Trail Clean up – Pat will put together a blurb for newspaper. We need to put out a plan for social media, Town Crier, Mailchimp. Some adopters will be coming out on November 5. **Action:** Mike will follow up with Paul Gunaratnam.
- Nancy asked if the Friends would be willing to post the Citizens of Milford Field of Flags drive event. The consensus was that the Friends are not in favor of endorsing this.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 1st at the Milford Senior Center.

Mike made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 pm, Margaret seconded, passed unanimously.