

Minutes

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – October 3, 2017

President Mike Morrison called to order at 7:06 pm

In Attendance

Members: Mike Morrison, Julianne Bonvino, Nancy Wojick, Guru Khalsa-Bob , Bill Sanborn, Reno DeLuzio, Catherine Guido, Rita Wilkie, David Wilkie

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Reno motioned to approve the September minutes, Nancy seconded, passed unanimously.

Updates presented by Mike Morrison, President

- Mike working with Jeff Howard from Zain Ridge and Swenson Granite on the bench. Zain wanted logo which requires graphic, and until it is given to Swenson, they can't fabricate bench, so installation will most likely be next year
- Trail website updated with info about upcoming meetings, trail clean up and note about vegetation trimming by Highway Department.
- Filmed segment on Milford TV for Trail Talk to announce more details on trail clean up and new officers. It should be out this week. There is no longer a delay with Milford TV and YouTube, now out immediately.
- Working with Reno regarding maintenance log to make updates. Had formatting issues and will work on improving it so there won't be conversion issues.

Update from Julianne Bonvino, Secretary

- Nothing to report. Looking for a volunteer to take minutes at the next meeting.

Update from Bill Sanborn, Treasurer

- Still working through the transition.

Updates:

- Reno: no update on storage container. There is a container on Mt Pleasant Street that Scouts use for storage, Reno thought we could put a container there but thinks it requires special permit from town. Not sure if Scouts have a permit. Has to close the loop and if special permit required, he will take care of it. Selectmen can waive fee if there is one.
- Reno: Cedar Street flashing beacon still not complete. Solar panel is facing trees and tree cutter will be cutting more trees down.
- Sponsor updates: Catherine has been making calls and dropped form off at Carnivores and Pinz. Consigli Construction form being processed. Critter Visits will be donating thru website. Will continue to make follow up calls.
- Nancy: Maintenance and Enhancements update: Pavement markings have been refreshed at crossings by Highway Department. Root encroachment causing issues in many spots. Safety issues are being ignored. Possibly paint the areas to draw attention to avoid accidents. Bicycle decal not refreshed at this time.

- Trail maintenance log: one new item, #31: Nancy will pass along to Mike Bresciani. Longest standing item #4. The list is now tracking number of weeks versus days. Zain Ridge asked for us to put up a sign about respecting people's privacy/be quiet when going by homes. Courtesy issue.

New Business:

- Karen at Critter Visits asked if there is a need for another trash barrel. Nancy said we have them in good spots for town to pick up so they don't have to drive all over. Mike asked if they would they consider one at Beaver Street crossing? Nancy will ask.
- Bill was in Stowe VT and walked on the 10 mile trail there. They had stations for bikes with tools, air for tires, etc. Nancy said this has been talked about previously and vandalism was a concern. Bill will send out the info for consideration.
- Nancy will ask Zain Ridge for what they are looking for signs for courtesy signs keep quiet for neighbors. Mike suggested we make them identical to what Holliston has.
- Family Fun Day – thru Alternatives. Guru called Mike to ask him to call Liz Marabelle, coordinator of Greater Milford Advisory Council, on 10/14 11-3 at Town Park. Would Friends like to have a table to solicit memberships? Nancy made motion to pass on this event, Reno seconded. 8 in favor, 1 opposed.

Old Business

- Fall trail clean up October 28. Mike contacted Town Crier, Milford Daily News and Milford TV to post. Haven't gotten confirmations from papers yet. Pat said 9 adopters will come out day of or week before or after. You Inc. asked for leaf blower for November 1. Mike has one and either Mike or Nancy can meet them with leaf blower. Staupe family can't make it so Nancy suggested we contact Troop 2 to come out and work on that section. We will ask Troop 2 and put notice on Facebook about Fall clean up.
- Catherine suggested having an annual event to attract memberships, 5Ks, trail runs, etc. Have something other than clean ups on the trail. Nancy said we have tried and they haven't been successful. Suggestions included a bike education event for kids, bike parade or 1 mile fun run for kids.
- Reno asked if anyone contacted Ron Santacroce on bench. Mike did, and Ron wants bench installed and wide open to various locations. Nancy suggested either Hopkinton lot or crossing. Ron will get back to Mike with locations.
- Reno asked about the four landscaped areas that the Friends are responsible for and if there is a plan on when Friends will complete it. Mike mentioned it on Trail Talk and will dispatch people to those areas on clean up day to prune and weed. Mulch will be done in the spring. The four areas are Sacred Heart parking lot, Dilla Street crossing, Louisa Lake parking lot, Main Street Crossing.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 7th at the Senior Center.

Motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm