

Minutes

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the monthly open meeting - May 7, 2019

In attendance

Members: Mike Morrison, Catherine Guido, Bill Sanborn, Guru Simran Khalsa-Bob, Sandy Comastra, Brett Staupe (by phone)

Non-members:

7:35 Call to order. Sandy moved to amend the minutes of the April meeting. The hostas for the town cleanup day were not donated by the Greenleaf Garden Club. Cat seconded the motion, passed 6-0.

7:38 President's report. Mike printed 10 brochures for the Friends as a sample and a followup to the April meeting. The brochures are the same as were printed in 2018 for the Hula Hustle 5K race held by CrossFit Never Doubt, a trail adopter. Mike modified the website to include instructions for donating by check and also a note to indicate a preference for check payments, per a suggestion from Bill in a prior meeting. Mike reduced the spam flooding into the Friend's email inbox. Corresponded with Neil Bogner regarding a project to refurbish a safety barrier along the trail; however, Neil could not attend the May meeting. Mike invited Neil to the June meeting. Mike corresponded with Garrett's Family Market about becoming a new trail sponsor. They had submitted the forms but needed to send a check to the Friends for the sponsorship.

Bill suggested the idea of having a holder for the Friends brochures, which could be displayed at the businesses who support the trail. There was a breif discussion of the differences between sponsors vs. adopters.

7:57 Vice PResident's report. Cat has not yet sent the thank you letters to the donors whose transactions were held in limbo in PayPal since 2018. Cat brought up the idea of a bike repair station along the trail as a new enhancement. A boy scout had in the past approached the Friends about installing such a station along the trail for his Eagle scout project. Mike to check in with them to see if they are on track for their project. Cat posted a few updates to the Friends' Facebook page on the cleanup day. The posts were well received judging by the number of likes. Brett commented that he had selected a post to be "boosted" by Facebook due to an available balance on a card linked to his Facebook account. Brett had stopped the charges by deleting the card from his account. He determined that the card was one of his old credit cards.

8:15 Treasurer's report. Bill sent a payment to Bright Insurance for the Friends' officers and directors insurance policy. A check which was sent to Nancy Wojick for the new Freinds banner was returned to Bill voided as Nancy had not sent a payment to Signs Plus for the banner. Bill will send a check to Signs Plus directly for the amount.

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8:21 New business. The Vineyard Church in Hopkinton, a trail adopter, had sent a letter to the Friends and other Milford town departments offering to perform service projects in May. Three projects were decided to send back to Vineyard Church as possibilities: painting the fence along the senior center spur, painting the 495 exit 20 underpass, and clearing the drainage ditch along the B trail near Hayward St. Mike will take photos of the projects and send them to Cat. Cat will draft a reply to Vineyard church.

8:33 Discussion of the Deer St. crossing. On May 1st, 2019, a cyclist was struck by a car while passing through the crossing. The cyclist was hurt but is at home and recovering. Photos of the crossing were distributed to the Friends officers and directors prior to the meeting to inform the discussion. The cyclist's wife is already in contact with Milford Highway Dept and the Restaurant Depot owners about this incident. Cat will write a post for Facebook about this incident and to remind trail users to be safe at trail crossings.

8:48 Sandy mentioned the need for more trash cans along the trail, particularly at the benches near Big Y. Mike will take inventory of the cans as placed currently along the trail. Cat will contact Nancy about potentially installing another trash can near the corner of Veterans Memorial Drive and Aris Way.

8:59 Bill moves to adjourn, Sandy seconded. Motion passes, 6-0.