

FINAL
FRIENDS OF THE MILFORD UPPER CHARLES TRAIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2025

Attendees: See sign-in sheet

Start time: 7:10 PM

Discussion:

1. Meeting minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved after making two changes.
2. Treasurer Report: Account is at \$11,820 as of May 9, 2025. Financial plans were due and submitted in June 2025. Four member donations since last meeting.
3. Confirmed that the existing traffic lights have counters from which data can be accessed. This could help count people crossing at crosswalks along the trail but cannot count how many people are coming from parking lots. Subject raised that we should explore counter or a fundraiser to buy a counter or even conduct a manual count of trail users. Question raised if we could ask parks and recreation to look at the stop light counters along the trail. Subject raised that there are handhelds to read counters, but they have not been located. Catherine will inquire about the handhelds. Reno to provide any information about electrical company that deals with the counters (company is out of business).
4. Bill to take on surveying Eugene Circle residents regarding interest in a connection to the trail as an action item. Question raised about if we want the opinions of 200 people who have access to the trail from their backyard and if we should send out a survey. Reno suggests an “abutters meeting” for the people of Eugene Circle that have access to the trail and related connections to the trail. Henry brings up how maybe we should be going through the town. Friends may invite the town planner to the next meeting in August to discuss. Possibly sign/create petitions and bring it to the town. Point raised that we do not want to delay any momentum that has been gained with the easement development. If there is a big project, go through the town. If there is a smaller project, we should go through the Friends or other funds. Review plans for development of paths with town. Plot survey reviewed and accepted by the town architect.
5. Reviewed concerns from people since last meeting. Send an email to Parks Dept (Jim) about snow clearing solutions before next meeting. Reassign signs on the trail to adopters who honor their commitment to trail maintenance. Suggestion was made to designate a member to attend a Parks Dept meeting. Clarified sponsors of the Friends and adopters of the trail are two separate things. Noted that the police are supposed to give us information on who and why someone cleared part of the trail this winter. Point raised that the trail is used for both recreational and commuter uses which should designate the trail as multifunctional. Invite state people to discuss trail functions and clarify how they designate commuter areas. On the town GIS map, the trail symbol is a line. Some debate if it should be a thicker, more noticeable, feature. Plowing from Louisa Lake entrance to the first curve would be prudent during

winter months. Invite Parks and Highway Dept to talk more about plowing including perhaps a pilot plan. Parks Dept can be notified about fencing and sign graffiti to facilitate cleaning. Possibility of having members/volunteers clean the graffiti. Mike is working on updating the certificate for the Friends website.

6. Discussed positions (i.e., board directors, president, VP, secretary, treasurer, etc.) in anticipation of September elections.

End time: 8:40 pm

Minutes submitted by Olivia Guido

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Date: 6/4/2025

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