

FRIENDS OF THE MILFORD UPPER CHARLES TRAIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 8, 2025

Attendees: See attendance sheet

Start time: 7:04 PM

Discussion:

1. Discussed changes to the format of the meeting minutes and revisions.
2. A motion made by Henry, seconded by Bill, and voted unanimously to approve the September meeting minutes, as revised.
3. VP Report: Mike reported the correction of some inaccurate information on the Friends website and will add meeting time to the home page. Mike also reported that he went through and updated the membership list.
4. Treasurer Report: Henry provided an update including current account balance of \$10,711.71. Henry to handle the transfer of the PayPal account to him to gain access and provide more accurate balances and member list.
5. A discussion of the Friends' Google account and who on the Board of Directors and Officers has access to the documents on Google Drive.
6. Most of the fallen tree on the trail behind Big Y has been removed from the trail but the broken fence has yet to be repaired.
7. Pat noted that the counters given to Holliston, MA trail do not operate fully and there is not a unit available to borrow. Alternatives were discussed. Friends subcommittee will update/provide a proposal for alternative trail counters at next meeting.
8. Big Y site barrel had been taken away due to mistreatment and graffiti.
9. Pat received supplies from Jim Asam, covered and cleaned graffiti along some of the trail signs.
10. Attendees discussed devoting a meeting to discussing long-term goals. Revisit meeting frequency after goals.
11. There are 49 signatures in the abutters zone for Eugene Circle collected for the petition. Reno states that if there were major objections the effort would be halted. However, no one has objected. Reno has been granted authority from the Friends to speak to National Grid about plans for Eugene Circle.
12. A motion made by Mike, seconded by Brett, and opposed by Henry and Pat for Reno to continue his work with Eugene Circle enhancements. Motion passed.
13. The 20-year celebration was briefly discussed and tabled until the strategic planning meeting.
14. Venice St. trail connection topic was also tabled until another meeting.
15. It was suggested by a citizen of Milford that a member of the Friends attend the Parks Dept meetings. No volunteers.
16. The dangers of high-speed scooters and bikes on the trail was raised. The by-laws allow for 15 miles per hour. This could be an opportunity to use the trail to teach trail etiquette.
17. Volunteers picked for Milford Pumpkin Stroll (Brett and Dale).

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Mike to correct the time of trail meetings on the website.
2. Cat and Henry to draft a letter to town council about our insurance (advice on whether we need liability insurance).
3. Catherine to ask Jim Assam about the letter we received about the benches last month.

End time: 8:47 pm

Minutes submitted by Olivia Guido

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail  
Meeting Attendance Sheet

Date: 10/8/2025

Name	Affiliation (Member, Official, Citizen, etc.)
Catherine Guido	President, member
William Sanborn	member
Reno Deluzio	MEMBER
Mike Morrison	Vice President
Olivia Guido	Secretary
Erika Guido	member
CHRIS WARD	DIRECTOR
Pat Rosenthal	member
Sharon Pigeon	member
Henry C. Papuga	MEMBER + TREASURER
Brett STAUPF	Director

**PETITION: Connecting Path from Eugene Circle to the Milford Upper Charles Trail**

**To: Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail**

**WHEREAS**, an unimproved path from the undeveloped lot at the end of Eugene Circle to the Milford Upper Charles Trail has been used for many years without the property owner's permission; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner of said lot has installed No Trespassing signs and barriers; and

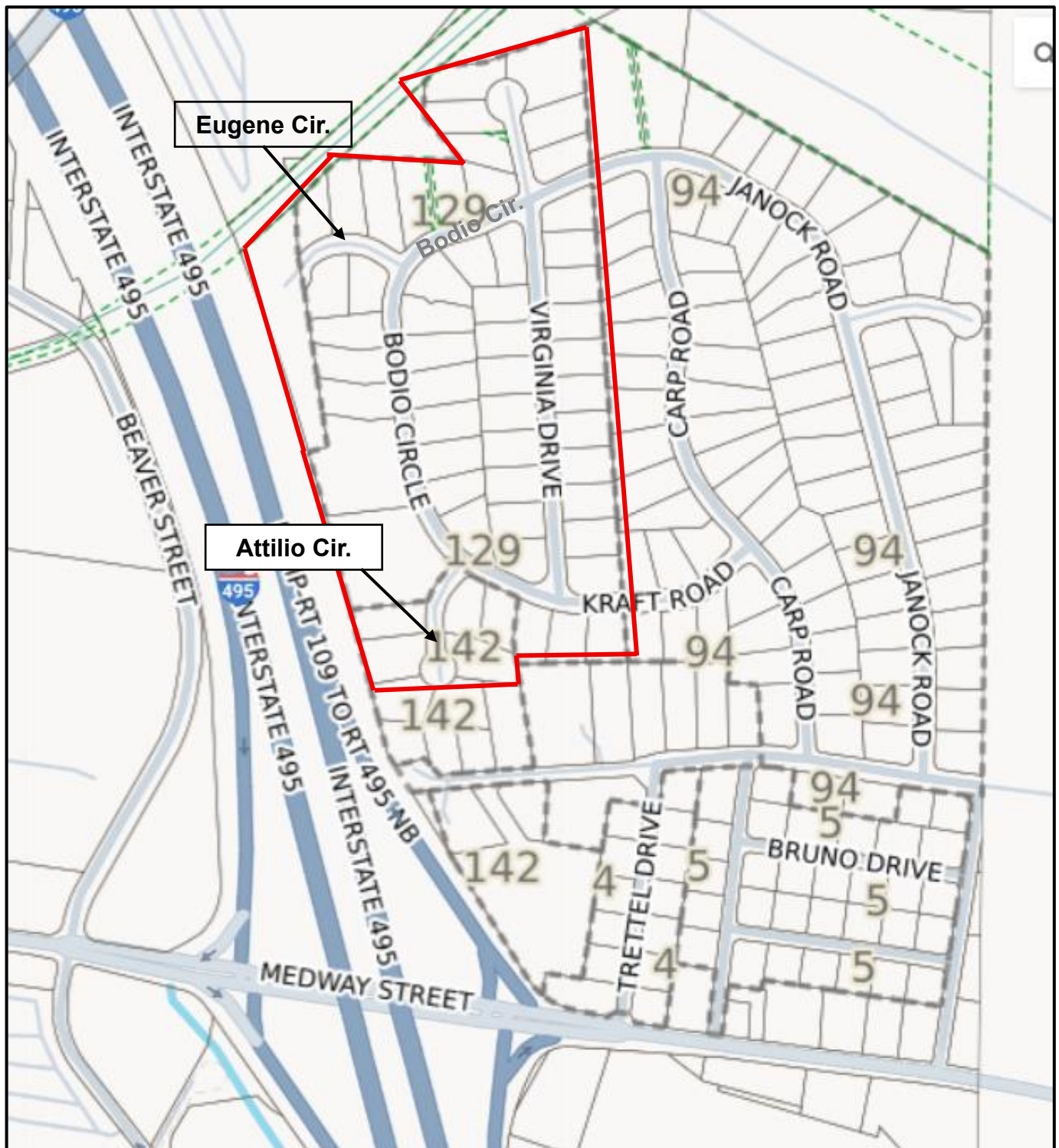
**WHEREAS**, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Ney (5 Eugene Circle) are offering a permanent easement to the Town through their lot for a safe and legal path from Eugene Circle to the Milford Upper Charles Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail [a 501(c)(3) non-profit corp.] has submitted three preliminary Design Concept Options for said purpose to the Town Engineer for her review.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the undersigned, being neighbors most affected by this project, support the Friends initiative.

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**Connecting Path from Eugene Circle to the Milford Upper Charles Trail**  
**(Neighbors Most Affected)**





**PETITION: Connecting Path from Eugene Circle to the Milford Upper Charles Trail**  
**(Record of those who do not support the initiative)**

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**Response to typical reasons: (Note: Response by canvasser is optional)**

1. I am not in favor of spending Town funds on this project.  
Response: The goal of the Friends is to fund the project with private funds and grants.
2. I am concerned that trail-users from beyond the neighborhood will park on our streets.  
Response: The same concern was voiced by the residents of Venice St. for the connecting path at the end of their street. Signs were installed in 2014 which read:

Trail Users No Parking Vehicles Will Be Towed
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Over the past 11 years no issues were reported to Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee or the Friends of the Trail.

**General Note for Information:** At some point during the design phase, an abutter's meeting will be held to provide more detail project information and address your concerns.