



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Conference Room, 288 Central Avenue
Meeting Date: **Thursday, August 13, 2020**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair); Bruce Batchelder; Leslie Herd; Ann Reid; Nancy O'Connor; Mary Beth Rudolph

Absent (Excused): Kristen Murphy (Vice Chair); Anne Kotlus, Nabia Fortier

Un-Excused Absent: Isaac Epstein (Secretary)

Staff Present: Steve Bird

1. Roll Call Attendance

Boudreau called meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Roll call was done and confirmed a quorum.

2. Citizens Forum

O'Connor mentioned two local initiatives looking for volunteers. The first was looking for help to inventory the street trees of Dover. She will send out contact info for those interested in volunteering.

The second initiative is to create recreation maps of 300 sites in Strafford County. NH Children's Foundation has given a grant to encourage people to get out and exercise in publicly owned recreation sites to help curb childhood obesity. O'Connor will post info on how to volunteer.

3. Approval of Minutes for March 12, 2020

O'Connor motioned to approve the minutes of March 12, 2020. Reid seconded. All approved

4. Treasurer's Report

Bird reported that the Conservation Fund balance at end of July 2020 was \$1,108,200.63 and receivables are at \$280,561.69. About \$827,000 would be available for a project. We also received \$200 check from NH LCHIP for doing a good job on the Cassily monitoring report.

5. Public Projects: None

6. Report by Task Groups

a. Easement Monitoring

Batchelder and Bird monitored 5 properties off of Tolend Rd and all the reports are in. Bird will send the reports.

b. Outreach and Education

The postponed Ecological Gardening workshop will be rescheduled for June 5th or June 12th, 2021. Bird will check the Dover calendar to make sure that there is no conflict with other Dover events. \$1,200.00 budget was approved for the event by the Conservation Commission.

After Covid 19 we would like to plan a kayak trip down the Cochecho.



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c. Community Trail

No meetings have been held due to Covid 19. Construction for Phase 3 is starting soon.

7. New Business:

- A. Report of use of Conservation funds for downtown Dover street tree planting project. The project is going out for bid. The city has a list of recommended street trees. AJ Dupere of the Urban Forest Center will be asked to look over the recommended tree species.
- B. Discussion about the Forestry plan off of Tolend Road. The plan was presented to the City Council last night. The pulp factory that processes the soft wood, blew up so the logging is on hold until they figure out where the wood will be processed.

8. Old Business: None

9. Enter non-Public Session

At 6:30, Rudolph made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A3, II(D) to report on the status of individual land protection efforts and transactions. O'Connor seconded. All members approved on a roll call vote.

We reentered public session at 7:10. Rudolph made a motion to seal the minutes per RSA 91:A(3) because its divulgence would render the proposed action ineffective. O'Connor seconded. All approved.

10. Confirm Next Meeting

Next meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2020 or October 15, 2020 depending on need.

11. Adjourn

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.