

CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 305, 61 Locust St., Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, November 19, 2020**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair); Kristen Murphy (Vice Chair); Bruce Batchelder; Leslie Herd; Ann Reid; Nancy O'Connor; Mary Beth Rudolph, Nabia Fortier

Absent (Excused): Anne Kotlus, Isaac Epstein (Secretary)

Un-Excused Absent:

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. Election of Officers for 2021 – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

Boudreau asked if anyone was interesting in any of the positions. Seeing no one, she indicated that she and Murphy would remain as Chair and Vice Chair if no one else was interested. Rudolph agreed to be secretary. Epstein has missed some meetings due to caution over virus.

Herd motioned to approve Boudreau as Chair, Murphy as Vice Chair and Rudolph as Secretary for 2021. Reid seconded. Vote: 8-0

3. Citizens Forum: None

4. Approval of Minutes for August 13, 2020

Boudreau asked that Fortier be listed as an excused absence. O'Connor motioned to approve the minutes of August 13, 2020, as amended. Herd seconded. Vote: 8-0

5. Treasurer's Report

Bird reported that the Conservation Fund balance at end of October 2020 was \$1,233,515.63 and receivables are at \$293,963.69. The majority of the new funds are from TDR from developers.

6. Public Projects: None

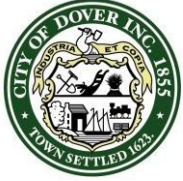
7. Report by Task Groups

a. Easement Monitoring

Bird reviewed the list of properties monitored since the August meeting: Browne/Welsh, Frazier/Keith, Williams, Gabriel/Bagdon, Day/Truax, Stone Bridge, Cassily, Morin and New Meadows. We still need to do Estes/Moll/Johnstone and Forbes-Parks/Paolini before the end of the year. Bird thanked all who have helped. Boudreau will do Liberty Mutual and Measured Progress soon.

Discussed ways to make easement monitoring easier by using map applications and following up on the use of a City tablet to take in the field.

b. Outreach and Education



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i. Discussion on Pollinator Workshop

Herd: The postponed Ecological Gardening workshop will be rescheduled for June 5, 2021. Event would about 2 ½ hours long and include a slide presentation from the speaker. Planning has to be flexible in case COVID restrictions have not been relaxed by then. \$1,200.00 budget was approved for the event by the Conservation Commission.

ii. Discussion on Upcoming OLC Update to City Council

Boudreau: I will be updating the City Council on December 9th on the OLC activities and mention our 20th anniversary. Will talk about upcoming land protection efforts.

c. Community Trail

No meetings have been held due to COVID. Construction for Phase 3 almost complete.

8. New Business:

A. Update on Downtown Dover street tree inventory project by SRPC.

Bird: The project is progressing and inventory was done this summer. The Forest Management Sub-committee has been the steering committee for the project. A report is being prepared to list the locations of where street trees need to be planted and the species that are recommended.

9. Old Business: None

10. Enter non-Public Session

Murphy 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 6:53. O'Connor made a motion to seal the minutes per RSA 91:A(3) because its divulgence would render the proposed action ineffective. Herd seconded. All approved.

11. Confirm Next Meeting

Next meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2021.

12. Adjourn

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.