

CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Planning Work Room, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, March 25, 2021**
Meeting Time: **5:00 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair); Kristen Murphy (Vice Chair); Bruce Batchelder; Ann Reid; Nancy O'Connor; Nabia Fortier; Isaac Epstein (5:30), Nancy Volpe, Dennis Dwyer, Leslie Herd

Absent (Excused): Anne Kotlus; Mary Beth Rudolph

Un-Excused Absent:

Staff Present: Steve Bird

1. Roll Call Attendance

Boudreau opened the meeting at 5:09 PM and read the following statement:

I find an 'emergency' exists within the meaning of RSA 91-A:2, III(b). Immediate action is imperative and the physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action. The facts on which my finding of an 'emergency' is based are the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the need to accommodate social distancing and minimization of in-person contacts, and this body's ongoing, immediate need to address the important matters on the agenda for this meeting.

Boudreau conducted a roll call to determine which members were present and asked each member to state that the reason they could not attend was the COVID-19 pandemic and to indicate if they were alone at their location.

All 9 members present indicated they were not attending due to COVID-19 and that they were alone in their location. Batchelder agreed to take notes until Epstein joined the meeting.

2. Citizens Forum:

O'Connor mentioned that there would be a Dover Community Forum meeting tonight at 6:30 and invited any to attend. She forwarded the link to all members.

Murphy mentioned opportunities through Nature Groupie: Great NH Cleanup. Will be using an app to monitor type, amount, and location of litter picked up; Garlic Mustard Pull – some had been documented on the Community Trail. This is a possible site for us to use.

3. Approval of Minutes for February 4, 2021

Fortier motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Murphy seconded. Roll Call Vote was unanimous

4. Treasurer's Report

Bird reported that the Conservation Fund balance as of February 28, 2021 was \$1,330,555.74 with \$330,100.69 in receivables.

5. Public Projects: None

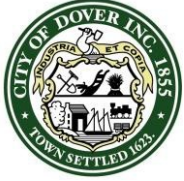
6. Report by Task Groups

a. Easement Monitoring

Bird will review the properties that were monitored last spring and issue a list to the members to organize visits.

SELT sent a reminder of the properties we are responsible to monitor in 2021. We successfully monitored all of the required SELT properties in 2020.

b. Outreach and Education



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- a) Pollination workshop will be September 11. Herd, O'Connor and Murphy continue to organize this event
- b) Herd suggested a hands on event for Pollinator week in June. Possibly taking pictures or video of tasks to prepare gardens, etc. O'Connor suggested update Facebook page with this info to garner interest for the September event.
- c) Herd discussed the idea of hosting an event for Conservation Landowners to update them on strategies for improving their properties, organizations where they can get assistance, support, or grants, etc. All agreed an excellent idea. Sub-committee will meet to discuss.

Epstein joined the meeting and began taking minutes.

c. Community Trail

A portion of the trail was paved in the fall. It's not officially open yet but people are using it.

7. New Business: None

8. Old Business: None

9. Enter non-Public Session

O'Connor 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. Fortier seconded. All members approved on a roll call vote.

We reentered public session. Epstein 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 on a roll call vote.

10. Confirm Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for May 13th at 5:30 pm.

11. Adjourn

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.