



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, September 9, 2021**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair); Kristen Murphy (Vice Chair); Nancy O'Connor, Isaac Epstein, Bruce Batchelder; Ann Reid; Nabia Fortier; 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 5:34 PM and did a roll call.

2. Citizens Forum: None

3. Approval of Minutes for July 15, 2021

Epstein motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Herd seconded. Vote was unanimous, with Murphy and Epstein abstaining.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bird reported that the unreserved Conservation Fund balance as of August 31, 2021 was \$1316110.39 with \$262,351.50 in receivables.

Boudreau asked Bird to find out how much of the revenue is from TDR as it would be nice to have a regular breakdown of that.

5. Public Land Conservation Projects: None

6. Report by Task Groups

a. Easement Monitoring

Batchelder and Bird did three monitoring projects, including Goldberg, Stables on County Farm Cross Road, and Harry. No issues for most of the property. On Goldberg there were a few potential encroachment issues. Bird sent a letter to an owner who acknowledged the encroachment. Two members of the HOA that owns the space joined the walk. They are in negotiations with a members for a land swap, but that would require Conservation Commission and City Council approval. The city attorney is monitoring.

We have four months to monitor a bunch. Bird will send out an email to the monitoring crew for the next monitoring trip. Bird can do weekdays but not weekends, but members of the committee should monitor at their own convenience.

Epstein asked if there are any that we absolutely must monitor per funding sources. There are about 8 that we will prioritize for the next round of easement monitoring.

Discussion about a potential new member. He can monitor even if he is not yet a formal member of the committee.

b. Outreach and Education

- a) Plans for September 11th Pollinator Workshop:



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Herd discussed plans for the pollinator event. It starts at 9.

Bird will help with parking and setup. Batchelder and O'Connor will help with set up. 45 minute presentation, 45 minute walk around.

Discussion about masking. Epstein suggested the language should include "per CDC guidance, masking is advised" or something to that effect.

Boudreau will introduce and start with a moment of silence for the commemoration of 9/11.

Bird gave Herd the stipend for the speaker.

The Workshop organizers are ready and the chair anticipates an informative and successful event.

b) **Apple Harvest Day Booth?**

It's a lot of work but did not always seem to be the best use of time. The planning department has a booth and is currently working to gauge interest among committees.

The committee was in agreement that, because of the pandemic, we will not organize and staff a booth at Apple Harvest this year.

Discussion about what a more engaging exhibit in the future might be. Maybe something about wildlife or invasive plant species?

c. **Community Trail**

No updates from the committee but the new portion between Fisher Street and Central is very popular and many people are using them. They just released a new brochure. The committee is currently very strong.

7. New Business:

Boudreau: We need a new Secretary. Epstein is taking minutes tonight. At next meeting in November we will seek new officers.

8. Old Business: None

9. Enter non-Public Session

Epstein 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. Herd seconded. All members approved on a roll call vote at 6:10 pm.

We reentered public session at 7:01. Murphy made a motion to seal the minutes per RSA 91:A(3) because its divulgence would render the proposed action ineffective. Herd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

10. Confirm Next Meeting

There will be no October meeting. Decided to meet next on November 18th.

11. Adjourn

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.