

CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Conference Room, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, November 4, 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, Anne Kotlus, Shawn Herrick

Absent (Excused): Mary Beth Rudolph

Un-Excused Absent:

Staff Present: Steve Bird, Jackson Kaspari

1. Roll Call Attendance

Boudreau opened the meeting at 5:33 PM and did a roll call.

Boudreau welcomed new member Shawn Herrick.

2. Election of Officers for 2022

Boudreau has agreed to serve as chair again. Murphy has agreed to stay on as vice-chair. Murphy suggested Epstein as Secretary. He agreed.

O'Connor made a motion to vote in the three officers. Herd seconded. All approved.

3. Citizens Forum:

Reid passed around a flier for a holiday fair - see fpchair.org

Murphy announced that this weekend is a workshop for conservation commission members. It's virtual. Sign up is open through Friday afternoon. Bird suggested that anybody who attends submit a receipt to him for reimbursement.

4. Approval of Minutes for September 9, 2021

Volpe motioned to approve the minutes as presented. O'Connor seconded. Vote was unanimous.

5. Treasurer's Report

Bird reported that the unreserved Conservation Fund balance as of September 30, 2021 was \$1,321,162.91, with \$255,384.10 in receivables.

Bird announced that this would be his last treasurer's report, because he is retiring after 24 years with the City of Dover. Jackson Kaspari is the new city staffer assigned to the OLC. He is a Dover native, former intern with the city, and a former member of the Planning Board. The Committee thanked Bird for his tremendous service and several members expressed hope that Bird would join the committee as a volunteer during his well-deserved retirement.

6. Public Land Conservation Projects: None

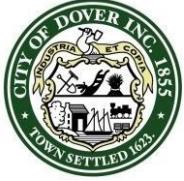
7. Report by Task Groups

a. Easement Monitoring

12 properties monitored since our last meeting: with Brown-Welch, Frazer reports prepared and sent.

Gabriel-Bagdon, Harry, New Meadows (a SELT project), Forbes, Day/Truax, Cassily/6th Street Station, Williams also completed.

Looking for Garland, Estes-Moll. Murphy and O'Connor will get them done.



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Forbes Paolini - owner is applying to build a barn, which is permitted. He will be presenting to the conservation commission so we should monitor before then.

Moving forward Kaspari will be the city lead on monitoring conserved property.

b. Outreach and Education

a) Recap of September 11th Pollinator Workshop:

Herd gave a report on the Pollinator Workshop at her property in September. Herd is working on an Extension Natural Resource Stewardship program. She is hoping to start a series of workshops next year.

Discussion about a potential topic: invasive species control for owners of land that are in conservation. Boudreau mentioned that many land conservation workers focus more on acquiring conservation status, and then move on to the next project.

Timing: Spring, Early Summer, Fall.

Maybe a workshop aimed directly at children.

Moth night.

c. Community Trail

No updates from the committee.

8. New Business:

Introduction of Jackson Kaspari.

Question about how the city decided to create a new resiliency coordinator position.

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 at 6:13 pm.

We reentered public session at 6:56. Murphy made a motion to seal the minutes per RSA 91:A(3) because its divulgence would render the proposed action ineffective. Epstein seconded. Vote was unanimous.

11. Confirm Next Meeting

Decided to meet next on January 20th at 5:30 pm. Discussion about different rooms, what the schedule will be.

12. Adjourn

The Chair declared Steve Bird's last OLC meeting to be adjourned at 7:01.