

CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Conference Room, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, March 10, 2022**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair); Kristen Murphy (Vice Chair); Nancy O'Connor, Ann Reid; Nabia Fortier; Nancy Volpe, Dennis Dwyer, Anne Kotlus, Shawn Herrick, Mary Beth Rudolph, Bruce Batchelder

Absent (Excused): Isaac Epstein, Leslie Herd,

Un-Excused Absent:

Staff Present: Jackson Kaspari

1. Roll Call Attendance

Boudreau opened the meeting at 5:31 PM and did a Roll call.

2. Citizens and member forum

- Ann Reid inquired about where items can be dropped off for Ukraine donations. The information is on the website and an email with information will be sent out following the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes for January 20, 2022

Murphy motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Dwyer seconded. Vote: U/A.

4. Treasurer's Report

Kaspari reported that the unreserved Conservation Fund balance as of February 28, 2022 was \$1,235,651.19 with \$392,696.98 in debits and \$323,155.83 in credits.

5. Public Land Conservation Projects:

Closed on the Arch Street property on February 3rd 2022. Next steps for the property will require input from the general public, trails committee, potentially the Conservation Commission. It would be great to create a more formal low impact trail system. The Dover Community Garden Group (DCGG) may be interested in starting a community garden at the site. The DCGG renewed the license for the garden on Garrison Hill.

Murphey: This spring is a good time to look for vernal pools; and will volunteer to look for them.

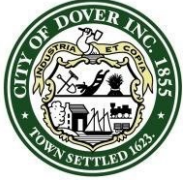
Kaspari: Current access of off Arch St. – not the best access; may need to clear it some for better access; there is some start to trails, but nothing finished; how should we deal with access to the site?

Rudolph: Can we set up a time to walk it?; Would we lead any efforts? Would OLC monitor the property?

Kaspari: Land is City owned so monitoring should be done but isn't required.

Murphey: Do we have boundary markers?

- Could use discs to delineate the RR boundaries
- Are there survey markers for the conservation area vs. the plot of land for the house?



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Kaspari: New abutters may put up a fence.

Any new markers from the survey? – it's unknown – couldn't find them; it will be important to have them there; We can order boundary markers to have them on hand for when we need to use them.

6. Report by Task Groups

• Easement Monitoring

Boudreau – we need a list of properties

Batchelder – try to group the properties; Steve Bird was trying to find an App to use

Kaspari & Herrick – to meet about this if needed

- Survey 123 is a good solution – doesn't do real-time tracking
- Work with Tim Pine
- Might not be as easy to set up w/o more details on capabilities
- Could be other solutions
- Herrick – would be happy to help however I can
- All agree that an app would be a useful solution
- City has a full ESRI site license

Kaspari: Will look into it further.

Murphy: Have seen an ESRI product called Conservation Easement Monitoring and has used it in Exeter; free with license to ESRI

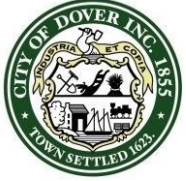
Fortier: When is easement monitoring season?

Boudreau: After mud season.

• Outreach and Education

Full Moon Walk

- Murphy – full moon snowshoe is 3/18; flyer went out and it was in Dover Download
- Will have cocoa and cookies; Murphy to cover cocoa from Dunkin Donuts
- Batchelder – to make cookies
- Fortier – whip cream
- We will need a table – Fortier might have one
- Set-up @ Beckwith Park; snacks in mini parking lot; Fortier – could supply a table and it should be on the field side
- Snow won't be an issue; it is weather dependent; we will email Murphy if we need to cancel for any reason
- Do we need signage? – probably not
- Boudreau – will help serve cookies and cocoa
- Set-up at 6:30pm at Beckwith Park
- Hike starts at 7pm from Beckwith Park



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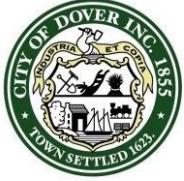
- Fortier – maybe do something like this in the Summer too; just need a full moon

Other outreach/education

- “Did you know” series
 - Do we have a calendar yet? Any dates yet? - no
 - Moth event in August; just need a sheet w/ lights
 - Another Pollinator event – Herd; can we do something with a Pollinator Garden?
 - The last 2 events were awesome and we should replicate them
 - Most liked the idea; need to ask Herd about doing it again; maybe early June & Sept.
 - Vernal Pool event – Morin had vernal pools on her property; need to contact her about it
 - Murphy: Maybe we could search it this year in preparation for next year
 - Fisher – Rt108 – there was a pool there but it was hard to get to
 - Outreach Committee needs to meet and decide and let us know before the next meeting
 - Batchelder: Maybe we should be looking as we monitor properties this year in preparation for next year
- **Community Trail**
 - Kaspari – feb meeting – art installation along the trail, but not sure of the status; there are some places for trail expansion (phase 4); Bellamy Park area is a rough place for a connection
 - Kotlus: Do we do some trail clearing or is that a city responsibility?
 - Boudreau: It’s more than we can do
 - Kaspari: Will touch base with them about it
 - O’Connor – the Cassily Cleanup was a nice event, can we do it again?; we did it last year

7. New Business:

- Kaspari: The TRC – we can submit comments; there is a cap for the number of members; there is a conservation committee member attending; anyone can attend, but there is no public session
- O’Connor – [insert from Citizen Member Forum]
 - At SRPC – we are doing a housing needs assessment
 - Can share 2 surveys with everyone
 - Try to come up with solutions to housing crisis
 - O’Connor – to send out the links



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8. Old Business:

- Review project selection criteria form
 - Vlope was interested (info in the last meeting minutes)
 - Boudreau – are ppl available on Wednesdays; there will be lots of information; could do a zoom
 - Kaspari: sub-quorum, so we can do a zoom if necessary
 - Boudreau – to share current version of the form w/ the OLC and potential dates to meet
 - SELT uses one we could look at

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. Rudolph seconded. All members approved on a roll call vote.

The Committee reentered public session at 7:00 PM and agreed to seal the minutes.

10. Confirm Next Meeting: May 19th at 5:30 PM.

11. Adjourn

The Chair declared meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.