

COMMUNITY TRAIL COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **Council Conference Room, City Hall, 288 Central Ave**
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, June 7, 2022**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Patrick Manning (Vice Chair), Jacqueline Finnerty, Laurie Smith, Mark Herrick, Bill Stafford, Jon Niehof, Tim Mallard, and Shayna Sylvia.

Others Present: Rachel Burdin

Staff Present: Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton, Outreach Coordinator Erin Bassegio

P. Manning opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of February 1, 2021 Minutes

- Motion to approve made by M. Herrick. Seconded by L.Smith. Vote U/A.

3. Discussion about Knockout the Knotweed event

- Rachel Burdin, Dover resident, discussed the upcoming Knockout the Knotweed event on June 11, 2022. Volunteers will be meeting at the Fisher Street trailhead at 9am.
- Discussed that removal options like smothering or a chemical weed remover are not feasible on the trail.

4. Staggered fence on Scenic Drive

- Staff update from D. Benton. Abutters to the Trail on Scenic Drive will be receiving a notice of an update to the staggered fence. Public hearing on the update will be held at the Planning Board meeting on July 26, 2022.

5. Arts Commission RFP

- D. Benton provided updates from the Dover Arts Commission that a RFP for Trail art will be posted.
- Committee discussed and recommended sizing for art on the Trail.

6. Bench and Donation Policies

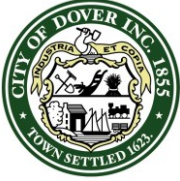
- D. Benton explained that the City has an overarching bench donation policy that would apply to any benches on the Trail.
- A request for a bench donation would first come to the Community Trail Committee for recommendation or input.

a. Bench on new Trail section

- L. Smith explained the negative activities that have occurred at the bench on the trail section between Fisher St. and Route 108.
- D. Benton explained that the bench at the Fisher St. section of the trail cannot easily be removed.
- Committee proposed that benches not be installed between Washington St. and the Dover Transportation Center.

7. Update on TAP Extension Phase III

- D.Benton explained that Phase III is completed and final documentation is being submitted to NH DOT.



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8. Update on TAP Extension Phases IV-A and IV-B

- D.Benton has been working with NHDOT about potential extra funding for further engineering and a feasibility study to look at Phase IV-B which would include a bridge.

9. Update on Promotion/Adopt-a-Trail Section/Goals

- D.Benton introduced E.Bassegio as the new Outreach Coordinator who will be overseeing the Adopt-A-Trail Section program.
- Guidelines for the Adopt-A-Trail Section program will be updated and new “trail adopters” will be recruited through promotion of the program.

10. Other Business

- J.Finnerty discussed the recent Graffiti Management Committee meeting and the proposal for a graffiti wall on the Trail.
- The committee discussed that the property owner at the potential graffiti wall location will need to grant an easement for use.
- The committee discussed potential graffiti wall guidelines that included the following: family friendly content, no offensive language, and usable during park hours.
- The committee also discussed that the potential graffiti wall should be painted white or covered with white-painted boards for use. The wall or boards could be repainted white when necessary.
- J.Finnerty discussed idea for an interactive chalk art event for children. Volunteer artists could chalk on the trail with walks encouraged the following day to interact with the art.
- D.Benton updated the CTAC on the solar system installation being delayed until late summer/early fall due to supply issues.

11. Election of Chair

- By unanimous vote, Bryant Hardwick was elected Chair and Patrick Manning was elected Vice-Chair.

12. Next meeting

- Scheduled for August 2, 2022.

13. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm on a motion made by J. Niehof and seconded by B.Stafford. Vote: U/A.