

**CITY OF DOVER**

## OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: Room 305 McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Dover, NH  
Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 27, 2022**  
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

**Members Present:** Anne Boudreau (Chair), Kristen Murphy (Vice Chair), Bruce Batchelder, Mary Beth Rudolph, Shawn Herrick, Nabia Fortier, Nancy O'Connor, Nancy Volpe

**Absent (Excused):** Anne Kotlus, Ann Reid and Dennis Dwyer

**Staff Present:** Jackson Kaspari

### 1. Roll Call Attendance

A. Boudreau opened the meeting and did a roll call.

### 2. Citizens and member forum (5 minute limit)

K. Murphy – Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> is NH Association for Conservation Commissions Annual meeting and there is a virtual component through NHACC.org.

### 3. Approval of Minutes for August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (3 minutes)

M. Rudolph motioned to approve the minutes. K. Murphy seconded. Vote: Motion passes

Abstain: N. O'Connor

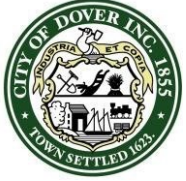
### 4. Treasurer's Report (3 minutes) – Jackson Kaspari

J. Kaspari – Conservation Fund increase from \$1,313,258.38 to \$2,330,107.97. Jackson will look into providing a report at next meeting as to where the funds came from (LUCT and TDR funds).

### 5. Public Land Conservation Projects:

Arch Street Update –

- J. Kaspari gave an update to City Council on the general idea for Arch St.; trail access clearing needed, creation of trail loop, possibly expansion by city gardening group, etc.
- N. O'Connor – was there any contact with the Residents at Silver St? – no, but J. Kaspari will do that; could we get water service / rain barrels there?
- Could be a volunteer effort to help with the tasks needed for this property; possible start Spring/Summer of 2023
- N. O'Connor – could we do rain gardens/other stormwater best management practices in this area? Lots of interest and ideas for projects by this committee.
  - A. Boudreau suggested we form a subgroup to present a plan; goals, tasks, etc. and bring their findings to the next OLC meeting; K. Murphy has a template that could be used.
  - Interested members (Arch St. Project Sub Com): N. O'Connor, N. Fortier, N. Volpe, M. Rudolph
  - First meeting should be on-site and should inform/contact the abutter.
  - Could UNH Cooperative Ext. get involved to help?



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### 6. Report by Task Groups:

- Outreach and Education (5 minutes)
  - K. Murphy – we need to plan the winter snowshoe if we are going to organize that event; need to connect with Leslie to try to plan an event she's done in the past; could we do a moth event?
    - We should look into this for August/September next year
  - N. Fortier – any plans for a Full-Moon walk? Is there time to plan this? Nabia still has interest.
  - K. Murphy – could we set up a conservation workshop for landowners? This would be a big effort; possibly something we could partner with SELT or another group to do this; how do we attract people to this?
    - A. Boudreau – we did mailings last time to invite landowners. Good response but good to use other platforms.
  - J. Kaspari – Erin in the dept. is doing a fantastic job with outreach, could help get the word out as well.

### 7. New Business:

- A. Conservation Easements 101 Presentation + Q&A – Chair Anna Boudreau (60 minutes)
- A. Boudreau – presentation
    - Great information and very helpful. See Anna for more information or copies of the information sheets
- B. Easement Monitoring Progress and Next Steps (15 minutes)
- Several members did some monitoring of several properties, and it went well using the new easement monitoring tool.
  - We still have several properties that need to be done
  - Do we need more help? – yes; J. Kaspari to send out info on when to meet for this.

### 8. Old Business

- None

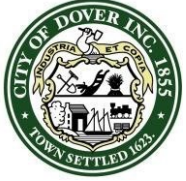
### 9. Enter non-Public Session - Report on the status of individual land protection efforts/transactions per RSA 91-A:3, II(d) (15 minutes)

K. Murphy made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(D) to report on the status of individual land protection efforts and transactions at 6:18 PM.

N. Volpe seconded.

All members approved on a roll call vote.

The Committee reentered public session at 7:25 PM.



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M. Rudolph motioned to seal the non-public minutes per RSA 91:A(3) because its divulgence would render the proposed action ineffective. N. Fortier seconded.

The vote was unanimous.

**10. Confirm Next Meeting:**

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 5:30pm

**11. Adjourn**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM