

 CITY OF DOVER	COMMUNITY TRAIL COMMITTEE – MINUTES Meeting Type: Regular Meeting Meeting Location: 1st Floor Conference Room, City Hall 288 Central Ave Dover NH Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 Meeting Time: 5:30 pm
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Members Present: Patrick Manning (Chair), Shayna Sylvia (attended virtually), Laurie Smith, Bryant Hardwick, Jacqueline Finnerty, Alex Abbott
Staff Present: Planning Director Donna Benton, Outreach Coordinator Erin Bassegio

P. Manning opened the meeting at 5:31 pm.

1. **Introductions**
2. **Approval of April 4, 2023 and May 2, 2023 Minutes**

Motion to approve made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by J. Finnerty. Vote U/A.

3. **Updates on Ongoing Projects**

a. **Voyage Solar System Exhibit**

E. Bassegio reviewed the Voyage Solar System grand opening event that was held on May 2, 2023 following the successful installation of the exhibit.

P. Manning shared that there was a graffiti incident on the exhibit but Community Services was able to utilize a graffiti removal product that worked on the exhibit without harming it.

b. **Public Graffiti Wall**

E. Bassegio provided an update that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was successfully executed. The MOU is an agreement between the private property owner and the City of Dover for the purpose of installing the public graffiti wall on private property.

Committee members reviewed funding options for the materials and installation of the graffiti wall and requested the City Arts grant application that had previously been submitted to the Dover Arts Commission for the funding of graffiti walls in other areas, be amended to include this location.

Committee members discussed organizing a volunteer effort to paint the structure where the graffiti wall will be installed.

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S. Sylvia suggested a volunteer event where graffiti artists were invited to paint on the graffiti wall as an “inaugural event” and committee members discussed working with the Dover Arts Commission on recruiting artists for the event.

c. Scenic Drive Staggered Fence

E. Bassegio provided an update that a suggestion for a replacement for the Scenic Drive staggered fence has included bollards or a staggered metal barrier or gate.

Committee members discussed that both options would provide more visibility but the staggered metal barrier or gate would allow access for snow removal and emergency vehicles.

d. TAP Extension Phases IV-A and IV-B

E. Bassegio reviewed with committee members a slide show presentation that was created by the City’s consultant partner, Fuss & O’Neill, who is conducting the engineering and design work on the next trail extension phase. The slide show will be presented, and a public hearing held, at the next Planning Board meeting on June 27, 2023.

e. Outreach and Trail Events

Committee members discussed ideas for future trail clean-up events, looking ahead to a possible clean-up day on September 9, 2023, and agreed to wait until after Labor Day to plan additional fall events.

S. Sylvia suggested promoting adopt-a-trail events or clean-ups and committee members reviewed the sections that do not currently have adopters.

E. Bassegio shared information on the upcoming Downtown Block Party and that the Planning Department will be having a booth at the event and sharing information on the Community Trail.

4. Visioning and Goals

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Committee members agreed to continue to discuss visioning and goals for the Community Trail as a standing agenda item.

5. Other Business

P. Manning reviewed a previous discussion by the Community Trail Advisory Committee on the inclusion of the East Coast Greenway. D. Benton provided an update that she has shared the East Coast Greenway proposal, and alternate routes, with City leadership and that the conversation is ongoing.

Committee Members discussed the addition of trash cans at the Whittier Street and Watson Road trailheads.

E. Bassegio shared that funding for trash cans at both of these locations is being requested in part by the Conservation Commission through the Conservation Fund and installation will take place later this summer.

Committee members discussed ideas for future volunteer events that could include the building of a bench on the Watson Road section of the trail or a new trailhead sign at the Watson Road trailhead.

6. Next meeting- September 5, 2023

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm on a motion to approve made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by A. Abbott. Vote U/A.