

 CITY OF DOVER	COMMUNITY TRAIL COMMITTEE – MINUTES Meeting Type: Special Meeting Meeting Location: 1st Floor Conference Room, City Hall 288 Central Ave Dover NH Meeting Date: Thursday, November 9, 2023 Meeting Time: 5:30 pm
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Members Present: Patrick Manning (Chair), Shayna Sylvia (Vice-Chair), Jacqueline Manning, Mark Herrick, Bryant Hardwick
Others Present: Cliff Blake, Jeff Bernstein, Heather Daniels
Staff Present: Outreach Coordinator Erin Bassegio

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

1. **Introductions**
2. **Approval of October 3, 2023 Minutes**

Motion to approve made by M. Herrick. Seconded by J. Manning. Vote U/A.

3. **Updates on Ongoing Projects**

a. **Public Graffiti Wall**

Committee members discussed that, Adam Gouveia, painted a mural on the graffiti wall.

P. Manning shared that he had discussed with Community Services about painting the large wall of the structure on the private property abutting the graffiti wall. This would be a volunteer, one-time effort.

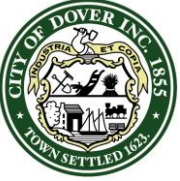
b. **Scenic Drive Staggered Fence**

Discussion continued on funding options for the fence project and avenues to increase funding for trail maintenance and outreach projects.

E. Bassegio shared that other public bodies had privately fundraised and donated the funds to the City for various issue-specific projects.

Committee members reviewed funding options such as the Recreational Trails Grant Program which are typically available for Spring.

S. Sylvia made a motion to request the estimated \$3,000 from the City of Dover to replace and install the current wooden fence with a staggered metal barrier or fence. Seconded by J. Finnerty. Vote U/A.

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

E. Bassegio shared that the City’s consultant partner on the next TAP extension phase, Fuss & O’Neill, has provided a bridge design for the proposed Phase IV extension. The next step will be to redesign the currently proposed extension to line up with the pedestrian bridge.

d. Adopt-A-Trail

E. Bassegio shared a map of existing trail adopters and committee members discussed recruiting for the available sections.

H. Daniels discussed her coursework at UNH Extension on natural resource stewardships and recommended clean up events that involve the removal of invasive species and education on native species. Committee members discussed inventorying plant life on the trail to better assist with sustainable trail maintenance.

S. Sylvia suggested

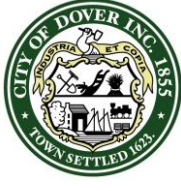
e. Outreach and Trail Events

Committee members brainstormed future trail events and planned to work with the Open Lands Committee on their annual snow shoe event on the trail.

4. Public Art on the Community Trail

J. Manning and C. Blake shared that the Dover Arts Commission had previously looked at locations on the trail for public art installations and one suggestion is to place rocks of varying sizes near the Silver Street Tunnel, where there is a collection of tree stumps. This could be used for trail users to make cairns, or rock stacks.

Committee members also discussed wayfinding ideas between the Transportation Center and the Fourth Street Trailhead. Clear, direct signs that could be placed at key areas such as the Transportation Center

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entrance and the Rotary Trailhead or a painted route for trail users to follow. P. Manning suggested that members bring wayfinding recommendations to the next regular meeting.

5. Visioning and Goals

P. Manning reviewed the goals established by committee members in 2022.

6. Other Business

J. Bernstein discussed a concern over the speed of bicyclists on the trail and that it's a potential safety issue.

E. Bassegio reviewed that there have been rulings that allow class 1 and 2 e-bikes on non-motorized trails but aside from those models, and accessible devices, motorized vehicles or devices are not permitted on the trail.

7. Next meeting- Tuesday, December 5, 2023

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm on a motion to approve made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by M. Herrick.

Vote U/A.