

 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, March 5, 2024 Meeting Time: 5:30 pm
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Members Present: Patrick Manning (Chair), Shayna Sylvia (Vice-Chair), Jacqueline Manning, Bryant Hardwick, Laurie Smith
Others Present: Cliff Blake, Tom Fargo
Staff Present: Outreach Coordinator Erin Bassegio

P. Manning opened the meeting at 5:32 pm.

1. **Introductions**
2. **Approval of February 6, 2024 Minutes**

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

3. **Updates on Ongoing Projects**
 - a. **Public Art on the Community Trail**

Committee members discussed the proposed cairn or rock stacking garden on the trail. Members reported that the Dover Arts Commission approved funds for materials and installation of the public art project and reviewed the proposed sizing and set up.

The identified location for the cairn garden was near the Silver Street tunnel, preferably between the tunnel and Folsom Street, and the estimated size was proposed as 10' x 10'.

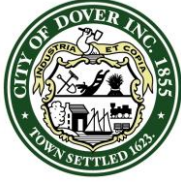
S. Sylvia presented design options for a wayfinding stencil to be used from the Transportation Center and the Fourth Street Trailhead. Members identified their preferred design, which would likely involve two stencils, and the size, around 2' x 14". Placement will be determined by members when the stencils are created.

E. Bassegio shared that NE Color has a community service day in April and the group may potentially be taking on a project for trail improvements such as a Watson Road trailhead marker and/or creating the wayfinding stencil.

- b. **Scenic Drive Staggered Fence**

Committee members continued discussion on funding options for the project with possible options including funds from the City, Committee, fundraisers, or grants.

E. Bassegio explained that the City's Engineering Division provided an estimate for the removal and reconstruction of the pavement between Scenic Drive and Folsom Street and suggested that the reconstruction of the pavement and fence replacement be included as one project. The AARP Community

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Challenge grant is accepting applications and committee members provided approval in submitting this project as a grant funding request.

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

E. Bassegio shared that there was no new information on Phase IV following the proposed trail alignment presented at the last regular meeting but the engineering and design continues for the trail extension.

d. Adopt-A-Trail

Members reviewed the open sections of the trail that need an adopter, including the Whittier Falls Way and Fisher Street sections.

L. Smith shared that her neighborhood was interested in adopting the Fisher Street section of the trail.

e. Outreach and Trail Events

P. Manning reviewed outreach event ideas such as identifying invasive species on the trail and volunteer clean-up days and targeted April or May as a potential time frame for an event.

4. Visioning and Goals

f. Cochecho Trail Landing

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

5. Other Business

T. Fargo discussed the history of the trail easements, particularly on the section along Watson Road to Whittier Street, and the need to maintain these easements with current and future easement holders to ensure public access.

Committee members discussed making connections with new easement holders to educate them about the easement and ensure they have a contact to direct questions or concerns about the trail.

S. Sylvia shared that one of the Voyage Solar System exhibit markers had been vandalized with graffiti and a service report for clean up would need to be submitted.

6. Next meeting- Tuesday, April 2, 2024

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm on a motion made by S. Sylvia. Seconded by J. Manning. Vote U/A.