 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 4, 2024 Meeting Time: 5:30 pm
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Members Present: Patrick Manning (Chair), Shayna Sylvia (Vice-Chair), Jacqueline Manning, Bryant Hardwick, Tom Ryde
Others Present: None.
Staff Present: Outreach Coordinator Erin Bassegio

P. Manning opened the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

1. **Introductions**
2. **Approval of May 7, 2024 Minutes**

Motion to approve made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by T. Ryde. Vote U/A.

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

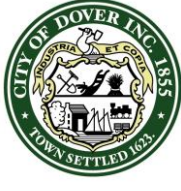
J. Manning shared that Bob Sherwood Landscape Company has agreed to donate materials for the rock garden/cairn project and that they are going to arrange to pick up the materials to deliver to the selected area on the trail.

Members discussed the volunteer projects that Northeast Color completed on their Community Day. They completed a wayfinding project from the Transportation Center to the Fourth Street Trailhead and built and installed a trailhead marker at Watson Road.

E. Bassegio shared that the deer painting on the trail, near the Beckwith Ballpark, was accidentally knocked over during some trail maintenance and Members discussed potential repairs for the sign.

- b. **Scenic Drive Staggered Fence**

E. Bassegio shared that the city’s application was not selected for the 2024 AARP Community Challenge grant for funding to replace the staggered fence and the disturbed pavement in that section of the trail. Members reviewed alternate funding options and selected the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) as an option for additional grant funding.

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

E. Bassegio provided an overview of the draft engineering report provided by Fuss & O'Neill. The report covers the two potential trail routes, called Phase IV-A and Phase IV-B. The recommended route by Fuss & O'Neill and city staff is Phase IV-B, which brings the route around the Bellamy Disc Golf Course, instead of through it, and proposed a pedestrian bridge to cross the Bellamy River. It was explained that Fuss & O'Neill would be presenting on the draft engineering report at an upcoming Planning Board meeting.

Members discussed the cost differential between remaining Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds and the current estimate for the expansion. A request for additional TAP funds was discussed and, if approved, would cover 80% of project costs.

d. Adopt-A-Trail

Members reviewed that all sections of the trail have assigned adopters and noted the section of the trail near the Spaulding Turnpike has some overgrowth that needs to be cut back.

e. Outreach and Trail Events

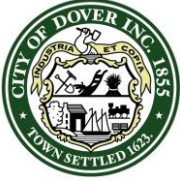
Members discussed the planned Knockout the Knotweed event for Sunday, June 9. Volunteers will be asked to meet at the Fisher Street Trailhead and bring their own equipment.

B. Hardwick confirmed that he will be bringing Community Trail brochures to be placed in the Woodman Museum for outreach and discussed that Committee Members could sign up for the museum's sustainability event on Saturday, June 22, from 10am-4pm.

4. Visioning and Goals

a. Cochecho Trail Landing

P. Manning explained that he and Mark Herrick attempted some clean up of the brush and overgrowth around the Cochecho River landing off of the trail. They were able to clear out and improve some of the area but recommended that additional clean up would need professional equipment due to the scope of work.



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5. Other Business

T. Ryde discussed that there is sand and debris that seems to have washed onto the sidewalk where the trail crosses Washington Street and suggested a service request to clear the area.

E. Bassegio shared that there may be some funding for improvements towards the Whittier Street Trailhead parking area. This could include paving and striping to more clearly delineate the parking area.

6. Next meeting- Tuesday, August 6, 2024

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. on a motion made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by S. Sylvia. Vote U/A.