 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, August 6, 2024 Meeting Time: 5:30 pm
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Members Present: Shayna Sylvia (Vice-Chair), Mark Herrick, Bryant Hardwick, Eric Ryherd

Others Present: None.

Staff Present: Outreach Coordinator Erin Bassegio

S. Sylvia opened the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of June 4, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by M Herrick. Vote U/A.

3. Updates on Ongoing Projects

a. Public Art on the Community Trail

E. Bassegio shared that the Dover Arts Commission and CTAC Members installed the donated materials from Bob Sherwood Landscape Company for the rock/cairn garden near the Silver Street Tunnel. Also, that the sign for the area had been purchased and received by the Dover Arts Commission and was scheduled to be installed. Members discussed a volunteer project that could involve painting the rocks for the area.

Committee Members discussed the deer painting on the trail, near the Beckwith Ballpark, that was accidentally knocked over during some trail maintenance and plans to repaint and reinstall the sign.

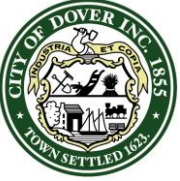
b. Scenic Drive Staggered Fence

E. Bassegio shared that an application was not able to be submitted to the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) in time to be considered for funding.

Committee Members reviewed submitting maintenance requests on the City of Dover’s Service Request Portal and potential volunteer projects for trail maintenance.

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

E. Bassegio explained that the Planning Board received a presentation on the draft engineering report by Fuss & O’Neill. The report covered two potential trail routes and Planning Board endorsed the “Alt 2” route,

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which brings the route around the Bellamy Disc Golf Course, instead of through it, and proposes a pedestrian bridge to cross the Bellamy River.

Members reviewed the cost difference between remaining Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds and the current estimate for the proposed “Alt 2” route. A request for additional TAP funds was discussed and, if approved, would cover 80% of project costs. It was also discussed that NHDOT shared that Fall 2024 is a potential timeline for accepting the funding increase request.

Members reviewed the sidewalk connection that would exist from the current trailhead at Rutland St./Central Ave. to the proposed trailhead at Bellamy Park.

d. Adopt-A-Trail

Members reviewed that all sections of the trail have assigned adopters.

e. Outreach and Trail Events

S. Sylvia shared the research she has done on other communities that have held chalk art events. They included summer and fall events with professional and amateur artists that participated, food trucks, and activities for attendees. It was discussed that a similar small-scale event could be held this year and a larger-scale event could be planned for next year.

E. Bassegio shared that Community Trail materials were being shared at the Dover Police Department’s National Night Out event and materials will also be shared at Apple Harvest Day.

4. Visioning and Goals

Members suggested reviewing and updating the trail goals created by the Committee at a future meeting.

5. Other Business

6. Next meeting- Tuesday, September 3, 2024

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on a motion made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by S. Sylvia. Vote U/A.

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