 CITY OF DOVER	MASTER PLAN CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE CHAPTER STEERING COMMITTEE - MINUTES Meeting Type: Regular Meeting Meeting Location: Council Conference Room, City Hall 288 Central Ave Dover NH Meeting Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024 Meeting Time: 6:00 pm
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Members Present: Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan (Chair), Kristen Murphy (Vice-Chair), Mark Speidel, Tom Fargo

Members Absent (Excused): Councilor Lindsey Williams, Russ Warnock

Others Present: Steve Whitman (Resilience Planning), Liz Kelly (Resilience Planning)

Staff Present: Resilience Manager Jackson Kaspari

D. Shanahan opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. Welcome

2. Approval of May 30, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve made by M. Speidel. Seconded by K. Murphy. Vote U/A, with T. Fargo abstaining.

3. Review of Story Map Results

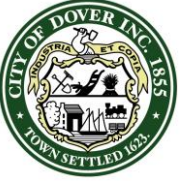
S. Whitman provided a status update that following the outreach efforts through the project StoryMap, and Committee feedback, the next phase of the project would be drafting the chapter.

L. Kelly provided an overview of the StoryMap and reviewed the feedback that was received. There were 62 responses as part of the first three questions and it was explained that the response rate dropped further into the StoryMap. Responses included popular recreation uses in Dover's open spaces, suggestions for improvements for open spaces and specific areas, suggestions for accessibility improvements needed, and prioritization of conservation features like wildlife habitats and groundwater quantity and quality.

L. Kelly also showed a map where residents had selected areas that would be beneficial for new or improved public access.

D. Shanahan pointed out that many responses were focused on the Community Trail and not other areas of open space and that it may show that other accessible open space needs to be advertised better.

T. Fargo discussed that when accessibility is being reviewed in terms of open space, an actionable item for the Master Plan that should be considered is identifying additional protected lands that are appropriate to promote for public access. This could lead to improvements for open spaces being prioritized in future Capital Improvements Programs and an inventory of accessible open spaces in Dover.

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J. Kaspari highlighted the Conservation and Recreation layer on the city’s MapGeo platform that shows publicly accessible open spaces.

S. Whitman discussed that the chapter could highlight certain properties or projects to show importance for improvements or increased use.

K. Murphy asked about tracking views and interactions on the StoryMap, even as responses decreased. Also suggested that the chapter highlight the responses that discussed unhoused individuals in relation to open spaces and how the city is working to address housing insecurity.

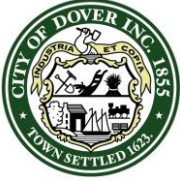
M. Speidel discussed that the need for accessibility and visibility of open spaces was clear in the responses, highlighting limited parking availability and signage. Also, the need for increased bike accessibility and connectivity.

Members reviewed the number of responses and how it compares to other outreach efforts and the specific areas selected by respondents for possible conservation. Open space signage and wayfinding from other communities was also reviewed.

4. Review of Draft Outline

L. Kelly provided an overview of the draft outline for the chapter. Members reviewed some areas for focus and order of sections and provided comments on items such as wetland preservation and open space network connectivity and connecting action items to Council goals. The draft outline included:

- Introduction
 - Why Plan for Open Space Protection and Land Conservation?
 - Purpose
 - Define Conservation
 - Define Open Space
 - Dover’s Conservation Legacy
 - Planning Process

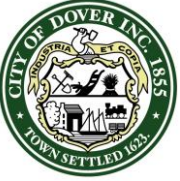


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- Open Lands Committee
- Analysis of Existing Conditions
- Outreach and Engagement
- A Network and Connectivity Approach to Planning
- Dover's Existing Open Space Network and Natural Resources
 - Include maps and select information from Existing Conditions Analysis
 - Reference major conservation partners, etc.
 - Opportunities, challenges, and threats (related to expanding the open space network or maintaining the existing open space network)
 - Reference Natural Resource Inventory
- Conservation and Protection Priorities
 - Vision for Future Conservation
 - Priority Resources/Open Space Types
 - Groundwater Quantity and Quality
 - Hazard Migration Lands
 - Important Wildlife Habitat
 - Co-Occurrence Analysis
 - Open Space Investment and Improvements
 - Recreation
 - Accessibility
 - Amenities
 - Stewardship

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- Planning for the Future
 - Implementation Plan
 - Conservation
 - Regulatory
 - Relationship Building
 - Data and Inventory
 - Connectivity
 - Communications
 - Stewardship
- Appendix
 - Existing Conditions Analysis
 - Outreach Materials

5. Review of Draft Actions

S. Whitman and L. Kelly explained that the presented action items for the chapter are still in draft form and will likely need to be edited, reordered, or potentially added to. Members provided edits and comments and weighed the level of specificity on action items.

K. Murphy suggested including a recommendation about where/how TDR should be utilized in the city, with particular focus on the more rural areas. Members also confirmed the need for an action item for reviewing TDR fee amounts.

Members considered whether certain action items could be achieved realistically with current staffing and volunteer levels.

6. Next Steps

S. Whitman explained that the chapter will be drafted and will be sent to city staff for review by the end of October and then be sent to the Steering Committee for review and feedback at the next meeting in November.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion made by M. Speidel. Seconded by K. Murphy. Vote U/A.