



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: **Tuesday, November 12, 2024**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

Members Present: Shayna Sylvia (Vice-Chair), Jacqueline Manning, Bryant Hardwick, Eric Ryherd, Mark Herrick

Others Present: Cliff Blake, Jeff Bernstein, Trey Chabot, Lisa Cote'

Staff Present: Outreach Coordinator Erin Bassegio

S. Sylvia opened the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of October 1, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by M. Herrick. Vote U/A, S. Sylvia abstained.

3. Updates on Ongoing Projects

a. Public Art on the Community Trail

J. Manning shared that she and C. Blake painted over the mural and decorated the Community Art Wall on the trail with a message to “tag” the wall.

E. Bassegio shared language that was recommended by the Graffiti Management Committee for signage for the Community Art Wall. The signage will be funded by remaining funds that were dedicated to the art wall project.

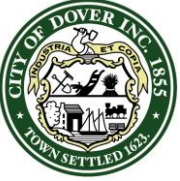
E. Bassegio shared that the Seacoast Charter School reached out about potential student art projects on the trail and there would be a meeting with school faculty to discuss further.

b. Scenic Drive Staggered Fence

Committee members reviewed the total estimate for pavement repair and fence replacement and discussed the request to include the project in the City’s proposed budget.

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

E. Bassegio briefly reviewed that the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) award that was previously granted to the City for the Phase IV expansion would need to be amended as the estimate from the engineering report was greater than originally anticipated. This means that the City does not need to seek an

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additional grant for this expansion phase but City staff and representatives from Fuss & O’Neill will need to meet with NHDOT to review the cost estimate changes from the original proposal.

d. Adopt-A-Trail

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

e. Outreach and Trail Events

S. Sylvia and J. Manning shared that they were planning to coordinate a chalk art event in Spring/Summer 2025.

B. Hardwick asked about the Community Trail social media and interactions with the trail Facebook page and whether members could share related items or pictures of the trail to be posted. E. Bassegio shared that the Facebook page for the trail has thousands of followers but there are not regularly scheduled posts for the page and anyone is welcome to share content to be shared on the page.

E. Bassegio gave an overview of trail outreach from Apple Harvest Day which included rock painting for the Cairn Garden. Members also discussed safety concerns that were shared, reviewed trail usage rules, and discussed inviting a member of the Community Response and Engagement Unit of the Dover Police Department to discuss patrolling on the trail.

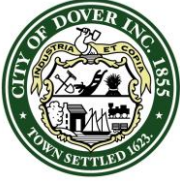
4. Review: Visioning and Goals

Members discussed the updates to the visioning and goals for the Committee and highlighted some of the goal projects such as fencing extended beyond the pedestrian bridge and clearing under the pedestrian bridge and around the river landing. Members agreed that an action matrix with timelines should be determined at a future meeting for the goal action items.

5. Other Business

Members planned some potential community clean-up dates for the trail that would be in March, July, and October 2025.

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Members reviewed maintenance items like dog waste dispensers needing to be restocked and a stop sign on the trail off of Fisher Street being loosened/crooked.

T. Chabot shared an idea for emergency call boxes that can be found on college campuses that could be a safety measure installed on the trail.

Members discussed potential public art projects to be shared with Seacoast Charter School like natural installations or murals.

6. Next meeting- Tuesday, December 3, 2024

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m. on a motion made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by J. Manning. Vote U/A.