

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, January 7, 2025**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

Members Present: Patrick Manning (Chair), Jacqueline Manning, Bryant Hardwick, Mark Herrick
Others Present: Cliff Blake, Trey Chabot, Lisa Cote', Lieutenant Alex Mitrushi, Officer Jon Palmer
Staff Present: City Planner Erin Bassegio

P. Manning opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

1. Introductions

2. Election of Officers

Motion to elect Patrick Manning as Chair made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by J. Finnerty. Vote U/A.

Motion to elect Shayna Sylvia as Vice-Chair made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by M. Herrick. Vote U/A.

3. Approval of December 3, 2024 Minutes

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

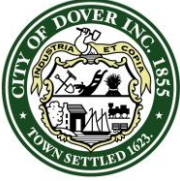
4. Discussion with Dover Police Department

Lieutenant Alex Mitrushi and Officer Jon Palmer, members of the Community Outreach Bureau of the Dover Police Department (DPD), provided an overview of DPD interactions on the Community Trail, combatting misinformation, and proactive community outreach.

Officer Palmer discussed Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) and explained that he conducts frequent patrols on the trail along with social workers and other officers within the department and reminded members to report issues or concerns if they arise.

Lieutenant Mitrushi suggested focus on activating areas on the trail for open, public access such as the Cochecho River landing near the pedestrian bridge.

Members reviewed calls for service related to the trail, strategies for combatting misinformation, and the DPD educational video on the department's approach to homelessness.



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5. Updates on Ongoing Projects

Members briefly reviewed plans for extended fencing near the pedestrian bridge, clearing of the Cochecho River landing, and organizing a group walk along Spur Road to review a protentional trail expansion to Newington.

E. Bassegio shared that a local Scout reached out about potentially completing an Eagle Scout project on the trail which could involve distance markers.

Members planned to complete an action item matrix at the next regular meeting to set timelines for committee goals.

6. Other Business

7. Next meeting- Tuesday, February 4, 2025

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. on a motion made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by J. Manning. Vote U/A.