



CITY OF DOVER

COMMUNITY TRAIL COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **First Floor Conference Room, City Hall 288 Central Ave Dover NH**
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, August 5, 2025**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

Members Present: Patrick Manning (Chair), Shayna Sylvia (Vice-Chair), Jacqueline Manning, Mark Herrick, Eric Ryherd, Tom Ryde, Laurie Smith

Others Present: Cliff Blake, Lindsay Watkins, Zach Richardson

Staff Present: City Planner Erin Bassegio

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

1. Introductions

2. Approval of June 3, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve made by E. Ryherd. Seconded by J. Manning. Vote: U/A

3. Eagle Scout Distance Marker Project

Zach Richardson, a local Scout, presented on his Eagle Scout project proposal. He would like to design, create, and install distance markers on the trail from Watson Road to Fourth Street.

Committee members asked questions and offered suggestions on design and fundraising and offered materials such as paint that are already on hand and could be provided

Z. Richardson requested up to \$500.00 from the Committee towards supplies and installation.

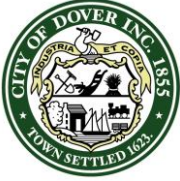
Motion: J. Manning moved to approve \$500.00 towards the supplies and installation. Seconded by: M. Herrick. Vote: U/A

4. Invasive Plant Management Discussion

County Forester Lindsay Watkins provided a presentation on Japanese Knotweed and mitigation techniques.

Members discussed that removal is not realistic on the trail and reviewed mitigation techniques such as cutting the plants in the spring and fall and carefully removing it.

L. Watkins suggested that the Committee connect with her at the UNH Extension to arrange future mitigation or awareness events.



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5. Updates on Ongoing Projects

S. Sylvia and J. Manning provided an overview of the ChalkFest event in June. Over \$300.00 was raised through entry fees and donations and there were over 50 chalk drawings. There were also a number of volunteers that assisted with setting up and running the event.

Committee members agreed that the event could be expanded on for next year and future ideas included sending out updates to previous participants and coordinating with a food truck.

P. Manning shared that the community art wall near the Silver Street Tunnel was repainted by him and J. Manning. They also observed that the wall looked like it was being used for graffiti art pieces and that the goal is still to extend the wall further down the warehouse so the entire area can be used.

6. Review: Visioning and Goals

7. Other Business

E. Ryherd shared that the black locusts are overgrown on the trail near the Fisher Street area. Members reviewed how to use the service request portal and discussed potential volunteer pruning in the area.

8. Next meeting- September 2, 2025

9. Adjourn

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