



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room, 288 Central Ave., Dover
Meeting Date: **Thursday, July 24th, 2025**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: ☒ Anne Boudreau (Chair) ☒ Kristen Murphy (Vice Chair) ☒ Shawn Herrick (Secretary)
☐ Nabia Fortier ☒ Nancy O'Connor ☐ Ann Reid ☒ Mary Beth Rudolph ☒ Nancy Volpe ☒ Christina Lawrence
☒ Chris Staub ☒ Melissa Wood ☒ Kieran Seavey ☒ Makayla Edgecomb (Planning Staff)

1. Roll Call Attendance

A. A. Boudreau opened the meeting and did a roll call.

- a. Absent: Nabia Fortier, Ann Reid
- b. Nancy O'Connor – arrived at 5:38pm

2. Citizens and Member Forum (5 minute limit)

- a. None

3. Approval of Minutes for April 17th, 2025 (3 minutes)

- a. Approver with one edit to the date/year – K. Murphy motioned to correct the year. K. Seavey seconded. C Lawrence abstain.

4. Treasurer's Report (3 minutes) – Makayla Edgcomb

- o Conservation Fund: \$605,121.81
- o Receivable (current use and TDR): \$148,200.00 + \$40,206.00
- o Total: \$793,527.81

5. Industrial Park Zoning Discussion from Conservation Commission

- a. K. Murphy and M. Edgecomb present the topic – the new Co-Occurrence Results with Developed and Conserved Land
 - i. Discussion followed about the maps and zoning implications; a specific “hot spot” of prioritized conservation is in an area is prone to development; a reason for the high priority is due in part to groundwater availability in that area. Some of the area is a City of Dover groundwater resource and has some protection. M. Edgecomb mentioned that the City is aware of its importance.
 - ii. This committee agreed that a discussion related to the protection of City properties for groundwater would be welcomed. Can we schedule a special meeting to discuss this specifically? – M. Edgecomb to follow up.

6. Public Land Conservation Projects (20 minutes)

- a. None

7. Report by Task Groups

A. Outreach and Education (15 minutes)

- a. N. O'Connor – discussed an end of year meeting, fact sheet, and something we could do that



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would be more engaging for the community, possible using social media for awareness. Several members liked the idea of working towards helping raise awareness with our community.

- b. Full Moon walk for Oct. – A. Boudreau mentioned planning this well in advance so we can ensure it happens; could it have a spooky aspect?; we should plan it by September; work out logistics for the next meeting – time, date, when it's dark out, Apple Harvest Day – N. O'Connor and S. Herrick to discuss.
- c. Seasonal Nature Cellphone Photo Contest – N. Volpe has offered to organize this more; show the entries at Apple Harvest Day; review prizes for this and how to pay for that?; M. Edgecomb to ask about donations/prizes; Theme might be photos from our conservation lands; do we have a map of public conservation lands? – yes, it seems we do through the City data viewer

B. Easement Monitoring (10 minutes)

- a. M. Rudolph – good response to the call for monitoring; M. Edgecomb has done a lot of easement monitoring; did many properties during the week and on weekends

8. New Business:

- a. None

9. Old Business

- a. None

10. Enter non-Public Session – Report on the status of individual land protection efforts / transactions per RSA 91-A:3, II(d) (20 minutes)

- S. Herrick made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A3, II(D) to report on the status of individual land protection efforts and transactions at 6:27 PM. M. Rudolph seconded. All members approved on a roll call vote.

The Committee reentered the public session and agreed to seal the minutes.

- M. Rudolph motioned to seal the non-public meeting minutes per RSA 91-A(3) because its divulgence would render the proposed action ineffective. N. O'Connor seconded.
Voted: Unanimous

11. Confirm Next Meeting: Sept. 25th, 2025

12. Adjourned at 7:09pm