

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, September 2, 2025**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

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

Others Present: None.

Staff Present: City Planner Erin Bassegio

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

1. Introductions

2. Approval of August 5, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve made by M. Herrick. Seconded by S. Sylvia. Vote: U/A

3. Updates on Ongoing Projects

a. Public Art on the Community Trail

No new updates were shared for this item.

S. Sylvia shared that the rock garden that was installed on the trail seems like it is well used.

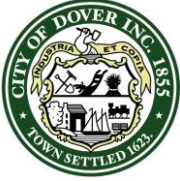
b. Trail Improvements

E. Bassegio reported that a private property owner recently installed a new fence along their property between Scenic Drive and Folsom Street. The Committee discussed options for modifying the remaining fence panel to maintain its function as a speed barrier while improving visibility. Members agreed to proceed with a half-sized fence panel to align with the newly installed fencing.

E. Ryherd reported that Community Services cleared tree overgrowth along the Fisher Street section and he conducted a site walk along that area with County Forester Lindsay Watkins.

E. Ryherd also proposed organizing a Knotweed Knockout event at the Fisher Street Trailhead on October 5th, at 9:00 a.m. Members agreed on the time and location and sharing the event.

E. Bassegio shared information on the mixed-use proposal at the former Liberty Mutual campus, which, as proposed, includes dedicated parking for trail users and an upgraded connection from the site to the trail.



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

E. Bassegio reported that city staff and the project consultants are waiting for a meeting with NHDOT to potentially approve and increase in funds through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) that were previously granted to the City for the Phase IV expansion.

d. Adopt-A-Trail

E. Bassegio shared that Deb Clough, as part of a Dover Doers project and with a donation from My Handyman of Dover, created a pollinator garden at the Rotary Trailhead at the Transportation Center.

e. Outreach and Trail Events

Members noted that Apple Harvest Day is approaching and the Knotweed Knockout event is scheduled. The Committee also discussed planning a fall clean-up day and the possibility of coordinating a birding event.

E. Bassegio reported that a resiliency student group has requested to coordinate a clean-up day on the trail this fall.

4. Review: Visioning and Goals

Members reviewed potential maintenance needs and improvements such as repaving sections of the trail, expanding the fencing along the pedestrian bridge near the Transportation Center, and clearing the landing along the Cochecho River.

5. Other Business

Members discussed that a generous volunteer cleaned up the Watson Road Trailhead.

6. Next meeting- October 7, 2025

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on a motion made by E. Ryherd. Seconded by M. Herrick. Vote U/A.