



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

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

Others Present: Sarah Donovan

Staff Present: City Planner Erin Bassegio

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

1. Introductions

2. Approval of September 2, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by M. Herrick. Vote: U/A

3. Updates on Ongoing Projects

a. Public Art on the Community Trail

No new updates were shared for this item.

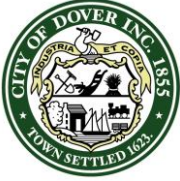
Members reviewed that one of the markers on the Voyage Solar System exhibit needs to be replaced, as the sign has been damaged and the installed post is no longer secure.

b. Trail Improvements

E. Bassegio reported that the fence between Scenic Drive and Folsom Street is scheduled to be replaced. The new fence will match the recently replaced section of fencing in that area but will be a half-sized fence panel to improve visibility.

Members also reviewed the potential Eagle Scout project on the Watson Road section of the trail. The proposed project is to install mile markers in that area of the trail.

Members discussed updating the turtle wayfinding between the Transportation Center and the Fourth Street Trailhead. T. Ryde noted that there is a missing stretch on the new sidewalk on Grove Street that will need to be re-painted with the turtle marker.



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

E. Bassegio reported that city staff and the project consultants will be 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.

Member reviewed the proposed connection from the trailhead at Rutland St./Central Ave. to Bellamy Park and how the trail in that area would interact with the High School and Middle School campus.

S. Donovan asked about timing for the estimate review meeting and about any planned improvements to the trail.

E. Bassegio shared that the meeting has not scheduled at this time and members reviewed volunteer events such as graffiti removal, trash clean-up efforts, invasive species clean-up, and infrastructure improvement needs, including assessments of fencing and pavement repairs and clearing the Cochecho River landing near the pedestrian bridge.

d. Adopt-A-Trail

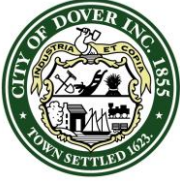
No new updates were shared for this item.

e. Outreach and Trail Events

i. Review of Apple Harvest Day and Knotweed Knockout event

Members shared about the conversations that were had about the trail during Apple Harvest Day and noted that they held a successful and well-attended Knotweed Knockout event, clearing the Fisher Street section of the trail. A UNH Forester was also present to provide information on efforts to mitigate knotweed and assist with appropriate removal.

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.



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4. Review: Visioning and Goals

Members reviewed potential maintenance needs and improvements such as expanding the fencing along the pedestrian bridge near the Transportation Center.

Members also reviewed the need to repair the small stretch of boardwalk near the underpass beneath the Spaulding, as well as to address fencing repairs along the underpass that appear to have been damaged during the active NHDOT highway work.

Members finalized outreach and volunteer events for 2026 including bike to work/school events, another chalk fest event, knockout knotweed event, and various clean-ups.

5. Other Business

6. Next meeting- December 2, 2025

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. on a motion made by E. Ryherd. Seconded by B. Hardwick. Vote U/A.