

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, February 3, 2026**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

Members Present: Patrick Manning (Chair), Jacqueline Manning, Mark Herrick, Eric Ryherd (by phone), Shayna Sylvia, Kean McDermott, Lisa Cote'

Others Present:

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 E. Ryherd. Seconded by J. Finnerty. Vote U/A.

Motion to elect Mark Herrick as Vice-Chair made by P. Manning. Seconded by S. Sylvia. Vote U/A.

3. Approval of January 6, 2026 Minutes

Motion to approve made by S. Sylvia. Seconded by J. Manning. Vote: U/A.

4. Updates on Ongoing Projects

a. Public Art on the Community Trail

Members discussed allocating \$500 towards the Eagle Scout wayfinding project and \$350 for the trail art contest from the annual operating budget.

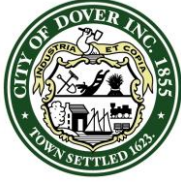
Members reviewed potential materials and supplies needed for the contest to create a new mural for the section of the trail behind the Beckwith Ballfields.

M. Herrick suggested exploring additional educational signs on the trail and members discussed possible historical markers or plant and animal educational markers.

b. Trail Improvements

Members reviewed re-painting the turtle wayfinding markers between the Transportation Center and the Fourth Street Trailheads.

Members also discussed adding signage to the Rotary Trailhead that indicates the turtle wayfinding marker, updating the existing trail map at trailhead, and adding the turtle marker to the brochure and any other trail outreach materials.

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L. Cote' requested information on the life cycle of the pedestrian bridge and whether there is funding or a plan to make repairs on the pedestrian bridge.

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

Members discussed CIP funds that are programmed for the expansion of the trail.

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.

d. Adopt-A-Trail

Not reviewed.

e. Outreach and Trail Events

Members reviewed the scheduled outreach and event dates for 2026 including multiple clean-up days, bike to work/bike to school days, and chalk fest.

5. Review: Visioning and Goals

P. Manning reviewed the action items that were set as part of the committee's visioning efforts.

S. Sylvia suggested sharing trail brochures with the new waterfront development for resident awareness.

L. Cote' suggested coordinating with subject matter experts to create events for subjects like birdwatching or plant identifying.

6. Other Business

7. Next meeting- March 3, 2026

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m. on a motion made by M. Herrick. Seconded by S. Sylvia. Vote U/A.