



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, May 5, 2026**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

Members Present: Bryant Hardwick (Acting Chair), Jacqueline Manning, Tom Ryde, Eric Ryherd, Laurie Smith, Lisa Cote', Kean McDermott

Others Present: Kaelin Chancey

Staff Present: City Planner Erin Bassegio

B. Hardwick opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of April 7, 2026 Minutes

Motion to approve made by E. Ryherd. Seconded by T. Ryde. Vote: U/A with correction to add Bryant Hardwick as a member present.

3. Clean-Up Day Discussion

E. Ryherd shared that he walked the trail with Doug Cygan, the Invasive Species Coordinator with the NH Department of Agriculture, who identified a number of invasive species on the trail like knotweed, burning bush, oriental bittersweet, Norway maple, privet, buckthorn and more. It was recommended that cutting alone should not be done for knotweed removal attempts.

E. Ryherd provided some suggested management recommendations, education events, and a general brush clean-up event on July 25th, from 9:30-10:30am, in coordination with the Don't Trash Dover litter clean-up event. Volunteers can focus on brush clean-up and trimming vegetation back along the trail.

4. Updates on Ongoing Projects

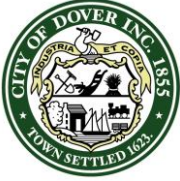
a. Public Art on the Community Trail

J. Manning reviewed details about the ChalkFest event that is scheduled for June 7th and confirmed with members that June 14th would be an acceptable rain date.

E. Bassegio shared updates for the planned youth art contest for the trail.

b. Trail Improvements

E. Ryherd shared an update on the Eagle Scout wayfinding project and that the scouts are cutting the signs at the high school and planning to paint them before scheduling installation.



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E. Bassegio showed an updated parking design for the Whittier Street Trailhead to include parking, sidewalks, and a flashing crosswalk to Whittier Falls Way.

Members reviewed the parking design and suggested improvements to include better maneuverability for bicyclists using the trail.

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

E. Bassegio reported that city staff and the project consultants presented to NHDOT on the revised estimates for the extension project and received an approval for the estimated increase in TAP funding needed for the extension.

d. Adopt-A-Trail

No updates reported.

e. Outreach and Trail Events

No updates reported.

5. Review: Visioning and Goals

Not reviewed.

6. Other Business

K. McDermott shared information on the planned Bike to Work Day event on May 15th from 4-5:30pm. The City of Dover, Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders (SABR), and CommuteSmart Seacoast will be present at the event at the Dover Transportation Center and sharing information on biking and other forms of alternative transportation.

B. Hardwick requested information on improving sections of trail where the pavement has been disturbed by tree roots.

7. Next meeting- June 2, 2026

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. on a motion made by L. Smith. Seconded by E. Ryherd. Vote U/A.