 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, January 6, 2026 Meeting Time: 5:30 pm
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Members Present: Patrick Manning (Chair), Jacqueline Manning, Bryant Hardwick, Eric Ryherd, Shayna Sylvia
Others Present: Lisa Cote', Kean McDermott
Staff Present: City Planner Erin Bassegio

P. Manning opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

1. **Introductions**
2. **Approval of October 7, 2025 Minutes**

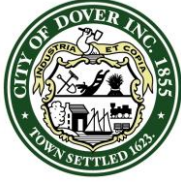
Motion to approve made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by E. Ryherd. Vote: U/A, S. Sylvia abstained.

3. **Updates on Ongoing Projects**
 - a. **Public Art on the Community Trail**

E. Bassegio reported that, at this time, the potential Eagle Scout project on the Watson Road section of the trail is on hold. The proposed project involved installing mile markers along that section of the trail. Members reviewed the total amount the Committee is willing to contribute, up to \$500 in matching funds, as well as project details including the number of wayfinding posts and overall expectations for the project. E. Ryherd offered to coordinate on potential scouting projects. E. Bassegio reported that T. Ryde provided a detailed overview of locations where the turtle wayfinding markers between the Transportation Center and Fourth Street need to be replaced or touched up. This includes areas where markers are missing due to recent sidewalk reconstruction on Grove Street.

b. Trail Improvements

Members discussed that the fence between Scenic Drive and Folsom Street has been replaced, and agreed that a turtle wayfinding marker should be added to the fence. Members reviewed snow removal practices on the trail, including the sections that are regularly cleared. Members reviewed recommended areas of improvement on the trail, including extending fencing on the pedestrian bridge, repairing the boardwalk near the underpass, and fixing fencing in the underpass area that seems to have been damaged by the Rt. 16 construction work.

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Members proposed a contest to create a new mural for the section of the trail behind the Beckwith Ballfields. The discussion included requesting draft submissions, selecting a winner, and allocating funds for materials and a prize.

Motion to expend up to \$350.00 towards an art contest for the trail made by S. Sylvia. Seconded by B. Hardwick. Vote: U/A.

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

Not discussed.

d. Adopt-A-Trail

Not discussed.

e. Outreach and Trail Events

E. Ryherd suggested exploring alternative methods for knotweed removal, such as drying it out, rather than bagging and disposing of it.

Members reviewed the scheduled outreach and event dates for 2026.

4. Review: Visioning and Goals

5. Other Business

6. Next meeting- February 3, or March 3, 2026

Committee members selected February 3, 2026 as the next regular meeting.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m. on a motion made by B. Hardwick. Seconded by J. Manning. Vote U/A.