

City of Dover Open Lands Committee  
Minutes for April 6, 2006 Meeting  
5:30 PM City Hall Council Conference Room

Present: Janice Gardner, Tom Fargo, David Price, Cheryl Niles, Ann Reid, Geoffrey Njue, Wendy Scribner, John Scruton, Steve Bird, Marcia Colbath, Anne Kotlus, Anna Boudreau

Item

- #1 Approval of minutes from the March 2, 2006 meeting.  
Approval of minutes from March 22, 2006 grant writing workshop.  
Anna Boudreau made motion to accept, Wendy Scribner 2nded, Passed/
- #2 Treasurer's Report – Steve Bird reported: Balance as of 2/28/06 = \$601,895.00. Added \$68,000 in month of February.
- #3 Discussion on starting use of City e-mail. – Everyone should now be assigned an '@ci.dover.nh.us' email. Marcia just has to turn in Joyce El Kourti, and Anne Kotlus's form. OLC members will receive an email or phone call from Annie Dove re: directions on how to use your email.
- #4 Reports by Task Groups
- A. Easement Monitoring – Anna reported that Towle and Browne easements were recently monitored. A. Boudreau made a motion to “officially” elect Dave Price as Chair or “Team Leader” of the Easement Monitoring Team (EMT) since he has been doing most of the work. Anne Kotlus seconded. Vote: Unanimous. Congratulations Dave!! ☺
  - B. Outreach & Education
    - a. May 6<sup>th</sup> (9 am to noon): Easement Monitoring Workshop at the Cocheco River Conservation Area
    - b. May 13<sup>th</sup> : Bird Watch at: Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area with Darrell Covell of UNHCE
    - c. Other: Tom and Joyce presented at the most recent Saving Special places workshop on April 1<sup>st</sup>

(CLCA/UNHCE). Tom would like to present his 15 talk at an upcoming OLC meeting. Several OLC members attended other workshops including: Anne Kotlus, Anna Boudreau, Geoffrey Njue, Ann Reid and others?...Anne Kotlus suggested we participate in the “Artist in our schools” program. After some discussion it was determined that, although a worthwhile cause (perhaps murals of ‘special places painted somewhere downtown’), it is a bit beyond the capacity of this volunteer board to organize. Tom announced that he is working with the SRPC (Strafford Regional Planning Commission) to create a “Guide to Open Space in Dover” – with landowners’ permission to be listed, of course. SRPC has a grant to do this, 6 month time frame. Anne K purchased two books at the CLCA conference for the OLC “shelf”: Natural Resource Inventory guide and CE Stewardship Guide.

- C. Grant Writing- The Tuttle grant writing team met on 3/22 to work on FRPP application. Will continue meeting, due date is May 11th (Marcia Colbath, Wendy Scribner, David Price and Anna Boudreau met.) Note: Keep the new LIP (Land Investment Program) thru F&G in mind for current/future projects.
- D. Trails- Tom signed the conservation easement DEED with Liberty Mutual today...As for Measured Progress, right now there is a ‘No Trespassing’ sign. You can cross going under the bridge but it is very steep and soft soil there...this has to be addressed.

#5 New Business -

- LCHIP Alert: Hearing is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006. HB1167 as approved by the House will go to the senate. Tom testified at the last LCHIP hearing. Contact Iris Estabrook at [Iris.Estabrook@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Iris.Estabrook@leg.state.nh.us) if you want to voice your opinion. It is not clear which way Sen. Dick Greene will vote, may help to call him too.
- Brian Stern sat in on the OLC meeting and at this time took the opportunity to discuss some major developments along the Cocheco River across from his parcel. He voiced his concern about some recent cuttings, among other things, and passed around photos of the tree

cuttings and development. He was very impassioned about it. Steve Bird stated that the project that was in question was an 'approved project' and that an OLC meeting was not the appropriate place to discuss it. Chair Marcia Colbath thanked Stern for coming and voicing his concerns, after which time he left.

#6 Enter Non-Public Session – Reports on the status of individual land protection efforts/transactions per RSA 91-A: 3.

#7 Adjournment