



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Conference Room – 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, February 1, 2007**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

Attendees: David Price, Anne Kotlus, Steve Bird, Marcia Colbath, John Scruton,
Geoffrey Njue, Anna Boudreau, Cheryl Niles & Ann Reid.

Approval of January 4, 2007 minutes

Cheryl Niles moved to accept the minutes.
Anna Boudreau seconded. Geoffrey Njue abstained because he was absent. U/A

Treasurer's Report

Steve Bird reported that the unreserved balance in the conservation fund at the end of December was up slightly to \$357,902.00.

Update on Tsimekles Project

Marcia Colbath reported that some abutters were pressing the issue, however this committee has 23 steps and we will take the time to follow our protocol.

Reports by Task Groups

A. Easement Monitoring

David Price submitted the report for the Cassily property by LCHIP's deadline.

Five copies of BLD report were needed for the Tuttle Project.

B. Outreach and Education

Everyone but the Agricultural Commissioner can make it on the date that Dona Masi Layton picked for the farming workshop. Dona will be conferring with Geoffrey Njue for a replacement.

C. Grant Writing

The close date for the FFRP application is May 1. Anna knows of 4 that are eligible in Strafford County (3 active farms)

D. Trout Unlimited has expressed a desire to partner with Fish & Game and the City working on the trail. Marcia is meeting with all parties on the trail February 16.

Update on Public Projects

Anna Boudreau reported that The City of Dover, D.O. T. & Strafford Rivers Conservancy closed on the Tuttle Project. Bill Tuttle expressed his satisfaction with the process. "It



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was worth it all!" In total the OLC saved the City \$300,000. We are to receive between \$5000 - \$6000 appraisal cost back. Of the 2.8 million expended on saving Tuttle's \$155,000.00 came from the federal government, 1.34 million came from the D.O.T., \$2500 came from Bill Tuttle for monitoring, leaving the City with a 1.2 million dollar tab (1.5 million had been approved).

New Business

Marcia requested that someone take on updating our OLC display. She was happy to announce that we now have apx.2500 acres of restricted open space in Dover (including parks & deed restricted lands) We have 1000 acres of conserved land.

Discussion ensued over the maps of the NH Coastal Program and how they can be applied to identify key parcels (in conjunction with watershed) and help with infill sites.

Enter nonpublic session – Reports on the status of individual land protection efforts & transactions per RSA 91-A:3. Acceptance & sealing of February 1, 2007 minutes.

Cheryl moved to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91 –A:3, Steve seconded. Roll call vote. U/A. Ann Kotlus moved, Anna Boudreau seconded, to approve and seal the nonpublic minutes of January 4,2007. Vote U/A.

Adjournment

Steve moved to adjourn.
Anna seconded. Vote U/A

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Colbath Chair OLC