

City of Dover Open Lands Committee Minutes for November 2, 2006 Meeting

Attendees: Marcia Colbath, Dave Price, Tom Fargo, Dona Layton, Steve Bird, John Scruton, Amy Perry, Cheryl Niles, Joyce El Kouarti, Anne Kotlus, Anna Boudreau

1. Approval of October 2006 minutes

With minor edits. Steve Bird moved, Tom Fargo seconded, to accept the minutes as amended. Vote U/A.

2. Introduction of guests Rob Blais and Pam Ikegami. Mr. Blais and Ms. Ikegami is interested in possibly becoming an OLC members or assisting with OLC subcommittee activities.

3. Treasurer's Report

Committee Treasurer Steve Bird reported that the balance in the conservation fund as of October 31, 2006 was \$277,121.00. Steve handed out a spreadsheet summarizing bonding funds and OLC projects.

4. Nominating Committee

There was a discussion about what to do about the position of OLC secretary. Committee agreed on continuing to rotate responsibility of secretary among members, for the time being.

5. Reports by Task Groups

A. Easement Monitoring

Easement monitoring team recently monitored the following properties:
McLatchy on Spur Road--recently monitored.
Bagden-Kirkwood, LCIP--report has been submitted to Steve Walker
Cassily—report still has to be submitted. The gentleman who bought the property has said that he is willing to maintain the land. He may set up an Adopt-a-Spot.
Washington Highlands—the conservation easement boundary line is not marked and property owners have been infringing into the eased areas. The homeowners' association is working with Strafford Conservation District to develop a management plan. Anna Boudreau commented that this is an example of how a buffer between landowner property and eased area would be useful.

B. Outreach and Education

Farming workshop will be rescheduled for early 2007.

C. Grant Writing

Ana Boudreau noted that FFRP window for application is likely to be any time in early 2007.

Land Conservation Plan for NH Coastal Watershed shows properties that would be good matches for CELP fund grants. These properties have been identified by the OLC as being important to protect. Many have already been protected.

6. Trails

From Apple Harvest Day we gauged a strong desire among residents for the community trail project. Tom Fargo is working on crossing the Spaulding Turnpike. He hopes to borrow other plans that have been approved by DES and which have been used elsewhere.

There is still a sign that says no trespassing at the end of the Liberty Mutual trail, so that has to come down. Tom Fargo stated that he feels there needs to be some uniform regulations for police concerning the community trail, because it consists of both public and private property. We need to post signs that capture the restrictions.

7. Update on Public Projects

Tuttle: Anna says that we are on to Phase III, which is the last push to conserve this property. DOT approved \$1.4 million. It may be possible to close on this in December. DOT still has money available for other important projects.

8. New Business

No new business.

9. Enter nonpublic session – Reports on the status of individual land protection efforts/transactions per RSA 91-A:3. Acceptance of October 5, 2006 nonpublic minutes.

Steve Bird moved, Cheryl Niles seconded, that the Committee enter nonpublic session per RSA 97-A:3. Roll-call vote U/A.

Steve Birdi moved, Joyce El Kouarti seconded, to exit nonpublic session. Vote U/A.

10. Adjournment

Joyce El Kouarti moved, Anna Boudreau seconded, to adjourn. Vote U/A.

Respectfully submitted by Dona Masi Layton