

**City of Dover Open Lands Committee  
Minutes of June 2, 2005  
Dover City Hall, City Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.**

Present were: Dave Price, Joyce El Kouarti, Tom Fargo, Wendy Scribner, Anna Boudreau, Ann Reid, Marcia Colbath, John Scruton, Steve Bird, David Eisler, Cheryl Niles, Chris Snow, Janice Gardner. Absent were: Anne Kotlus, Sherrie Towle, and Geoffrey Njue. Also present: Brian Stern

- 1) The meeting opened with a discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding and Confidentiality Agreement. Moved by Joyce, second by Wendy to approve the confidentiality agreement as amended. Members who were present at the meeting signed a Confidentiality Agreement document.
- 2) Brian Stern spoke with the committee about establishing a new means of protecting land by which the OLC would partner with private citizens who wish to purchase property. The individual would purchase the open space develop or sell for development several lots, and sell the development rights of the bulk of the property to the City. Mr. Stern believes this would be a win-win scenario for both Dover and an individual landowner. It was generally agreed that this was an interesting idea but that we needed to explore the legalities and ethics of engaging in this type of transaction. Dave Eisler volunteered to draft language to send to the Attorney General's office for an opinion.
- 3) The committee voted to go into a non-public session to discuss an individual land protection effort.
- 4) Vote to come out of non-public session and to continue with public meeting.
- 5) Tom moved to accept the May minutes, second by Dave Eisler. Abstaining: Joyce and Dave P. who were not present at the May OLC meeting. Vote to approve the minutes passed U/A.
- 6) Treasurer's report:  
The balance in the Conservation Fund is \$815,200, with \$75,000 expected from L-CHIP as a reimbursement for Cassily.
- 7) Reports by Task Groups

EASEMENT MONITORING – Subcommittee will meet again in July. Dave Price completed the conservation easement monitoring folders and presented them to the committee. He briefed the OLC on the subcommittee's ongoing monitoring activities. Tom stated that the Cons Com may have to deputize OLC monitoring teams.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION - Dave Eisler suggests that the "Garrison Hill Revealed" project, which is being planned by the Dover Main St and the Dover Historical Society, include mention of the OLC. Wendy will email Dave to suggest language and

specific information to include in the copy for this public relations and awareness opportunity. He will bring a draft to our July meeting.

GRANT WRITING - nothing to report at this time.

TRAILS - Cheryl and Marcia reported on the planned Cassily Clean Up for 6/11, 8 a.m. till noon. Joyce is planning a ceremony/event to celebrate the establishment of the Cochecho River Conservation Area. Date and details TBA.

LAND ACTION – At the subcommittee’s next meeting, Joyce will conduct a role playing session to train members in talking with landowners. Later meetings will cover maps. Dona suggested that the committee pursue the idea of working with realtors. Joyce says she can pursue this possibility through her role as the Executive Director for Moose Mountain. County foresters in Carroll and Belknap counties have done workshops on land management (forestry) with realtors, so we may be able to utilize this resource to plan similar events.

8) New Business:

Dona distributed hard copies of the OLC membership list for 2005. She also distributed copies of the Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices booklet. She asked members to read the LTA material and to be prepared to begin a discussion of them in July.

9) Joyce moved, second by Ann Reid to move to non-public session to discuss confidential land protection projects.

The committee voted to exit non-public session.

10) Tom moved to approve the non-public minutes from May. Abstaining: Joyce and Dave Price who were not present at the meeting in May. Passed U/A.

11) Move to adjourn by Joyce. Seconded by Chris. Vote was U/A. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.