

**Open Lands Committee
Public Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2005
Council Chambers, Dover City Hall, 5:30 p.m.**

In attendanc: Dona Layton, Tom Fargo, Dave Eisler, Marcia Colbath, Janice Gardner, Steve Bird, Wendy Scribner, Cheryl Niles, Anna Boudreau, Dave Price.

1. Tom moved to accept the minutes of September 2005. 2nd by Cheryl. Passed U/A.
2. Treasurer's Report: Steve Bird reported that as of July 31 the balance of the Conservation Fund was \$936,14, minus \$68,000 in accounts receivables.
3. Reports by Task Groups:

EASEMENT MONITORING

Dave Price stated that the task force recently monitored the MacAtavey and Vermette properties. The task group plans to monitor the Towle and Watson properites next.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Apple Harvest Day is October 1. Dona will circulate a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work in the OLC booth. The theme is the Community Trail. Marcia and Cheryl will prepare a photoscape presentation of the trail to display. Tom will prepare a handout to distribute. OLC will share booth with the Pet Waste Mangement Project.

There was a discussion about preparing an informational press release on the Community Trail.

GRANT WRITING

Nothing to report.

TRAILS

Dona announced there will be a special workshop meeting to discuss a long-term maintenance plan for trails. Time and date TBA. Marcia will ask Doug Steele of Community services to attend.

LAND ACTION

Wendy and Anna will contact Bambi Miller of the Strafford Conservation District about working with them to prepare the conservation easement for Jenness Farm.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a change in negotiations with Measured Progress. The OLC and the Conservation Commission had agreed to buy land between the PR grade and the river. Now Measured Progress wants to retain ownership of the land and sell the easement to the City for \$140,000. Tom moved, 2nd by Anna that the OLC reaffirm their commitment to protect the area on Measured Progress land with a conservation easement

for approximately \$140,000. Dona abstained due to her Measured Progress. Motion passes U/A..

Steve Bird will ask the City Manager for an opinion on “flipping land” option, buying land for protection and selling acres to offset the cost.. Tom moved, 2nd Cheryl, that we assemble information for the city manager. This might be an option for the Doyle/Skeeles property.

Motion by Marcia, 2nd by Dave Eisler to move out of public meeting into a non-public meeting to discuss confidential land protection projects. Passed U/A.

Vote on the motion made during non-public session to appraise a parcel which is under consideration for protection. Motion passed U/A.

Motion to approve August, 2005 Non-public minutes by Tom, seconded by Cheryl, passed U/A.

Motion to adjourn by Tom, seconded by Marcia, passed U/A. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.