



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Chambers Conference Room
Meeting Date: **Thursday, May 1, 2008**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

In attendance: Anna Boudreau, Steve Bird, Ann Reid, Marcia Colbath, Cheryl Niles, John Scruton, Anne Kotlus, Tom Fargo, Geoffrey Njue, Dave Price, Dona Layton

- 1) Approval of Minutes.
Anna Boudreau moved for approval of April 3, 2008 minutes. Second by Cheryl Niles. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Treasurer's Report.
No report.
- 3) Update on Public Projects.

a. Frazer

Anna Boudreau and Dave Price will be preparing the baseline documentation report for the file and to be submitted to NH Department of Environmental Services. Steve Bird reported that \$85,000 of purchase price will be coming from NH Department of Environmental Services. This figure is still more than the required 25% of the appraised value.

b. Day

Steve Bird reported that NH Department of Transportation is working on the easement language. Anna Boudreau recommended that the language contain water supply rights.

- 4) Reports by Tasks Groups.

EASEMENT MONITORING – Dave Price distributed a document listing the current conservation easement properties and a tentative schedule for easement monitoring for 2008. Steve Bird suggested adding the address of the properties to the document.

Anna Boudreau reported that the NH Office of Energy and Planning is sponsoring an upcoming workshop on developing baseline documentation reports to be held May 12, 2008 at 6:00pm at the Newmarket Town Hall.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION – Dona Layton reported that the committee working on the brochure of conservation easement properties met on Wednesday April 30, 2008. Ms. Layton spoke with Strafford Regional Planning (“SRP”) to assist in mapping the properties using GPS. Assistance by SRP will be discontinued after June 30, 2008. Steve Bird reported Dover will not likely fund SRP after June 30, 2008. A brochure that the City of Keene has developed was passed around as an example of what Dover may develop. Dona Layton and Cheryl Niles have currently scheduled six properties to be GPS'd by SRP. Anna Boudreau suggested coordinating the site walks for the brochure with the easement monitoring schedule.

Dona Layton and Joyce El Kouarti are working on a workshop related to agriculture targeting planning boards. Marcia Colbath suggested focusing the workshop on Dover municipal boards and residents. Geoffrey Njue suggested discussing landscaping at the water's edge/shoreland.

GRANT WRITING – No news.

TRAILS – Marcia Colbath reported that there was a Cocheco River clean-up day held along the community trail at Liberty Mutual and Measured Progress. Many dignitaries were in attendance for the day including Scott Myers, Mayor of Dover, Glenn Normandeau, Director of NH Fish and Game, and Jeanne Shaheen, former



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Governor of New Hampshire. Marcia Colbath also reported that there was a clean-up day held on the Cassily property by the community garden group.

5) New Business.

Anna Boudreau reported that the Strafford Rivers Conservancy presented a plaque to William Tuttle as part of the Dover Reads Program. The plaque will be placed in the Tuttle's store.

6) Due to the public nature of the auditorium, non-public session to discuss the status of individual land protection efforts/projects was not held.

7) Tom Fargo motioned to adjourn. Second by Marcia Colbath. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

May 2008 minutes respectfully submitted by Dave Price.