



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Chambers Conference Room
Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 3, 2008**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

Present: Ann Reid, David Price, Cheryl Niles, Anne Kotlus, Geoffrey Njue, Tom Fargo, Marcia Colbath, Steve Bird, John Scruton, Anna Boudreau

#1 Approval of March 6, 2008 minutes Anna Boudreau made motion to approve march minutes; seconded by Cheryl Niles.

#2 Treasurer's Report: Steve Bird reported that we have \$167,435.55 unreserved in the fund balance. This is after the deduction for the Ayer closing. Does not include a possible \$80K from DES for water supply grant money for Frazer.

#3 Public Projects

- a. **Ayer:** The closing date is set for Tuesday, April 8 at 10 AM. Marcia has to work, Anna B and others said they could sit in on it to represent OLC.
- b. **Frazer – status of grant application:** Steve Bird got word from Holly Green at DES that we should get the \$85,000 although we do have to update the appraisal report to show current values. The old report is two years old so the numbers may well decrease, but they need to be sure they do not fund more than 25% of the total value. We should be in good shape even with a decrease in values.

#4 Report by Task Groups

a. Easement monitoring:

- Dave Price contacted Liberty Mutual to discuss the redistribution of the OLC boundary Markers. He has not heard back from them yet. Currently the markers are set out every 50 feet and they do not have to be so close! The plan is to remove some of them and move them over to the Measured progress easement. Dover reps plan to meet with MP folks to discuss on this on April 10th.
- Dave Price proposed a calendar of easement monitoring dates we have the tentative dates in advance and more people will be able to participate in monitoring. Right now it's always the same 2 or 3 people that go out. It'd be nice to get more participation.
- Tom Fargo met with John Wallace of the SRC to discuss the Enterprise Park easements. The SRC is the back up interest holder on some of the EP easements. Between the two of them they began to sort things out and have a better sense of the situation there. Stay tuned...



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b. Outreach & Education:

- Dona mentioned that she really hasn't had a chance to partner with Anna B of the SRC to plan any workshops. Anna admitted that she hasn't been planning them but Nancy Lambert, new board member has been on a roll and planning something each month. Not all are Dover related, e.g Saturday, April 12 from 9 – 11 Am there is a Wildlife Walk in Rollinsford on one of the Aikman properties. Malin Clyde of UNHCE will be leading that.
- On May 12 at 6 PM, the OEP is presenting another easement monitoring/BDR workshop, this time in Newmarket. The SRPC is organizing it and invites communities from all around. Steve Walker did this talk several times in Dover over the years and its actually what we've modeled our EMT program on.
- Tom Fargo reminded us that Eric Kelsey is promoting a community Garden on the Cochecho River Conservation Area and this may be a chance for Dona or others who are interested to partner with him. Tom plans to sit down with Eric before he leaves town for a month to review the allowed uses and restriction in the deed before his group begins any projects on the property.
- Dona would love to meet with folks who are interested in pursuing this and other programs on the Cochecho River Conservation Area and will also try to catch up with Eric before he leaves to discuss it. There was some discussion about a hazard tree on the property that should be removed. For liability purposes it'd probably be best to contact Doug Steele and have the city remove it, even though we have several volunteers who may be willing or able. Marcia will contact Doug.
- Tom Fargo suggested the OLC add a new focus (old idea) to create a pamphlet or guide to all the conserved areas that have public access. This has long been on our to do list/wish list but no one has ever had the time to do it. There was some discussion of applying for a grant to cover the costs, everyone agreed this would be a great idea, folks are always asking for such a guide. Durham has a similar guide on their website; Nashua has a "Green Spaces, Special Places brochure.." Although landowners would need to be contacted in advance for permission, etc.. it was agreed that it would be great to move forward with a plan and to have this completed before Apple harvest Day in the fall. Dona offered to spearhead that conversation and will be in touch.

c. **Grant Writing:** Anne Kotlus offered to research possible granting opportunities such as the NE Grass Roots association to pay for the guide. NHEP may be another source. If anyone sees any possible funding sources, email Dona Layton.

- d. **Trails** – Marcia reminded everyone about the Cochecho River Field Day to be held on Sat., April 19, 2008. A flier was distributed via email, all are welcome. Dave Price commented that the new shoreline protection act may preclude ANY cuttings within 250 of the high mean water mark,. The landowner, in this case Measured Progress, may have to apply for a permit. Caution was suggested. There is a pre-meeting on April 10th at 2:30 PM and Marcia invited Dave Price to please join them in order to discuss this with all the involved parties.
- Dona mentioned that MP has a charitable contributions committee and they may have funds available for this sort of trails project. Submit a letter or email to her or anyone on the committee to see if we may qualify. Marcia mentioned that Judy Tumosa could really use some fund\$ to purchase water quality monitoring equipment, perhaps she could apply. Dona suggested that more than one organization can apply at one time for various projects.
 - Tom Fargo shared that Bruce Woodruff told him the downtown portion of the trail is going out to bid, it is the section containing the bridge.

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