



**CITY OF DOVER**

## DOVER COMMUNITY TRAIL ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: Community Trail  
Back of Train Station Parking Lot  
Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2009  
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

**Dover Community Trail Planning Board Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting, Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 6PM:** meeting at the trailhead located at the rear of the Dover Transportation Center parking lot. (Train station). Members were to bring pens and clipboards to jot down issues, ideas and note areas where members would like to help by volunteering for one of the following work groups that were discussed at the previous meeting:

1. Management Options Work Group
2. Community Trail Work Plan Development Group
3. Grand Opening & Public Relations/Publicity Group
4. Fund-raising/Grant Opportunities Group

I. Seven of us walked the trail together and discussed findings along the way

II. We met on the trail instead of back at City Hall

III. Discussed observations and findings as we went along (see below)

IV. Setting Work Groups:

We decided that Fundraising Opportunities were closely tied to management options, thus we agreed to three workgroups all of which are open to additional members.

- Management Options - to be chaired by Tom Fargo. Kirt Schuman, Tony McManus, and Aviva Grasso will also participate. Tom will find out when Keene representative is available and announce a meeting date.
- Work plan Development - to be chaired by Glenn Grasso. Marsha Colbath will participate.
- Grand Opening/Public Relations - Aviva Grasso, Kirt Schuman, Marsha Colbath and Mark Seymour will seek input from many others.

V. Comments:

- We were pleased to hear that the county will be able to provide labor to clear overgrown areas of the trail. Can that wood be chipped onto the hillside?
- At our next meeting, Chuck Miner will bring some examples of signs that Fish and Game has made for other projects.
- Glenn will have his friend work on a graphic design for a stencil
- Kirt will mention community service opportunities on the trail during his August 18 meeting will all of the public and private school principals

VI Next meeting and Adjourn

- We hope Bruce will be able to schedule a meeting before his deployment



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Now, on to the trail notes/observations/suggestions. They basically go from North (transportation parking lot "trail head" to South (just through the Silver St underpass)

- Better signage indicating where the trail goes would create a better trailhead (if we come up with a price for a kiosk, Great Bay Trout Unlimited may be able to provide funds)
- Dog poop bags and signage about carrying out your trash are needed at the trailhead(s)
- Please be sure the contractor removes all of their trash at the parking lot end.
- Can something be done about the rattling spindles on the bridge railings?
- Paving is needed throughout.
- There was some question as to when the lights on the bridge will be turned on and the status of/plan for lights the rest of the way to Washington Street.
- Bridge needs "No Fishing" signs
- Benches are needed on the bridge and periodically along the trail. Again Great Bay Trout Unlimited (GBTU) may be able to help.
- Trees need to be trimmed along trail from bridge to Washington St.
- At south end of Railroad Bridge, we discussed stair placement possibilities to access the lower, city-owned property. It would be ideal to set up a fishing area as well as a blind for observing wildlife.
- Need curb cut onto Washington St
- We need to clearly show where the trail goes once it crosses Washington St. This means on the ground as well as on the fence where a zig zag happens. One option on the ground is a single line as is seen in Boston with a single red line that people follow for the freedom trail. A stenciled logo along that line and on fences would help. Space needs to be clearly marked as not for parking near the fence opening.
- Given the privacy fence blocking the trail, "walk your bike" signs are needed to prevent collisions.
- Something like "Share the trail. Watch for cars" or "Please be a good neighbor to those who share this trail" will help with the areas where cars park along the same piece of pavement as the trail.
- All street crossings need to be clearly marked to trail users and crosswalks need to be painted on the streets.
- As we enter into the more trail-like area, there are still ties and large branches to be removed
- Members of the design committee expected a staircase on either side of the underpass. What happened to the one on the north side?
- Trash/construction debris inside the underpass needs to be removed.