



**CITY OF
DOVER**

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE AGENDA AND MEETING NOTICE

Meeting Type: Regular Monthly Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall, City Council Conference Room, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Thursday, March 5, 2009**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

In attendance: Dona Layton, Steve Bird, Thomas Fargo, John Scruton, Cheryl Niles
Guest: Barbara Lehocky

Barbara Lehocky was introduced to everyone. Dona asked her to submit an application to serve on the Open Lands Committee to the City Clerk. Tom Fargo took Barbara through aspects of what the OLC has been working on and short and long term goals. Tom is considering consulting Mike Joyal about presenting our success to the City Council to save the Conservation Fund. Speaking points to include referring to Joyce El Kouarti's Forest Notes (SPNF) and the OLC leveraging 51% of project costs from outside sources.

1) Approval of Minutes.

Cheryl Niles motioned for approval of the February 5, 2009 minutes.
Second from Tom Fargo. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Treasurer's Report:

Steve Bird: Current fund balance in the Conservation Fund is \$484,102.54.

3) Public Projects

a. Day

George Day has been paid and the deed recorded. OLC paid only for the survey and appraisal.

4) Report by Task Groups

a. Easement Monitoring

Tom filled us in about the Gabriel Property history: The project started with LCIP (1987 -1992). LCHIP from 1999 on. Steve Walker oversees this parcel.

The current owner of this property will be met with and options reviewed.

The OLC should be doing the monitoring at Tuttle's. The tank has been there for a long time.

b. Outreach and Education

The Saving Special Places Conference in Gilford, NH will be April 4, 2009.

The Annual Meeting of the Cochecho Watershed Coalition will be a pot-luck at the Roberge Center Thursday, March 19.

The Organic Gardeners of NH will meet Saturday, March 7 at The Foresry Center in Concord. Topic featured will be Agriculture Sustainability.

We received an invitation from Eric Stelzer of the Energy Coalition & Community Garden to join forces to display at the Local Garden and Energy Fair Saturday, April 18 from 10 – 3 @ the McConnell Center. John Carroll will be speaking. There

will be a student sustainability competition. Dona has edited the Trail Brochures and we will have them available at the OLC booth. We will contact you about manning the booth for 2 hour stints.

c. Grant Writing

Our newest recruit, Barbara Lehocky, has an extensive background in grant writing and took over the Kane Inventory Grant (PREP-CTAP) and Community Technology Assistance Program from Tom who just accepted a position with DES Diesel Reduction. Tom and Bruce Woodruff submitted a request to DRED for the trail under the Cocheco bridge.

Piscataqua Region Coastal Watershed Action offers funds for land transaction costs. They will pay for appraisals, surveys and title searches. The money must be spent in 2009. The land has to be in a focused area or prime wetlands.

d. Trails

The Clean Up Day for the Measured Progress/Liberty Mutual leg of the Community Trail will be April 11.

Tom asked for volunteers to help him draw up cooperative agreements along the trail so the Dover Police Department has authority to enforce use restrictions.

5) New Business:

In April we will address the OLC evaluation Part 2, the priority list and trail access parking.

6) Steve Bird motioned to enter Nonpublic Session – Reports on the status of individual land protection efforts/transactions per RSA 91-A:3. Tom Fargo seconds... Motion passed unanimously.

7) Steve Bird moves to exit nonpublic session and approve and seal the nonpublic minutes per RSA 91-A:3. Second by Tom Fargo. Motion passed unanimously.

8) Tom Fargo motions to adjourn. Second by Dona Layton. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

March 2009 minutes respectfully submitted by Cheryl Niles