



**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, February 4, 2010**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

In Attendance: Cheryl Niles, Marcia Gasses, Ann Reid, Dona Layton, Steve Bird, Anna Boudreau, Larry Pilla, John Scruton

1. Approval of January 2010 OLC minutes; Cheryl Niles motioned to approve the minutes with corrections, second by Marcia Gasses. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report: Steve Bird reported that the balance of the Conservation Fund is \$674,015.83.
3. Public Projects: on January 27, the City Council voted to endorse the vote by the Conservation Commission for an expenditure of \$250,000 for Dover's portion of the project to conserve the Philbrick property on Back Road. This project was done in partnership with The Nature Conservancy.
4. Reports by Task Groups:
 - A. Easement Monitoring: Dave Price recently completed and submitted monitoring reports for several conserved properties to the appropriate agencies. DES now has all the easement reports needed from Dover for 2009.
 - B. Outreach and Education:
 - Dona Layton will pick up the enlarged version of the OLC Faces of Dover poster on February 9 and put it on display at the OLC table in city hall.
 - OLC Brochure: The committee plans to revise the OLC Brochure to reflect its accomplishments in conserving land in Dover. Ideas include highlighting conservation projects with natural resource features that represent the conservation criteria sheet used to identify and prioritize properties for conservation; overview and current information about the Community Trail (i.e., emphasize partnering organizations, public access); information geared toward educating the public about the OLC and its mission (i.e., What is the OLC?); contact website for sister organizations such as the Dover Community Garden; information about conserved properties in Dover (i.e., gross acreage saved; number of properties; information about matching grants and explanation of how these partnerships and matching grants have helped to reduce the cost of land conservation for the city; map of green open space in the city.
 - Barbara LaHockey and Geoffrey Njue are mounting an OLC workshop/display on invasive species to be held in May at the Farmer's Market. Marcia Gasses asked if it would be possible to

include handouts and verbal information about pollution caused by home fertilizing, since gardening season will be beginning at that time.

C. Grants: RFP has gone out to solicit bidders for implementing the conservation land audit. We have received proposals from six respondents.

D. Trails:

- Annual trail clean-up day will take place in May (tentatively May 15). On this day, there may also be a groundbreaking ceremony for the trail parking lot on Watson Road. School children will be in attendance to release fish they have grown in their classrooms into the Cochecho River.
- Marcia Gasses reported that at the request of Measured Progress plans for the trail parking lot have been scaled back to avoid tree-cutting.
- Steve Bird reported that plans to create a passage under the Spaulding Turnpike are at the Department of Transportation (DOT) waiting for approval. The city now has the funds needed to construct the passage. The city is in the process of finalizing an easement with the oil company on 4th street on a parcel that will become part of the Community Trail.

E. OLC website:

Dona Layton is planning to work with Barbara LaHockey to contact city IT to get some OLC documents posted on the committee's web site.

F. New Business: No new business

G. Motion to enter nonpublic session to discuss the status of individual land protection efforts per RSA 91—A:3. Motion by Anna Boudreau, seconded by Cheryl Niles. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

H. Motion to exit nonpublic session and to approve and seal the nonpublic minutes: Motion by Steve Bird, seconded by Marcia Gasses. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Motion to adjourn: Steve Bird motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marcia Gasses. Motion passed unanimously.