



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, July 9, 2009**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

In attendance: Anna Boudreau, Marcia Gasses, Steve Bird, Cheryl Niles, John Scruton, Tom Fargo, Geoffrey Njue, Ann Reid, David Price

- 1) Approval of Minutes
Anna Boudreau motioned to approve the minutes of June 4, 2009 with corrections. Second by Cheryl Niles. Motion passed unanimously. Geoffrey Njue and Ann Reid abstained.
- 2) Treasurers Report
Steve Bird reported that the balance of the Conservation Fund is \$486,755.88.
- 3) Public Projects
No reports
- 4) Reports by Task Groups

EASEMENT MONITORING Anna Boudreau reported that the Towle property will be monitored on July 13 at 3:00 pm. The Browne property may be monitored on July 14. The Gabriel property will be monitored the week of July 13. The Frazer and Williams properties will be monitored in the near future.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION Dona Layton, not in attendance, provided Dave Price with information regarding the Faces of Dover Project being sponsored by the Dover Library, Dover Main Street Program. Ms. Layton submitted some wildlife photographs for the project on behalf of the OLC. Ann Reid, who has been volunteering for the project, gave an overview of the project and the requirements.

GRANT WRITING Cheryl Niles recently sent out to OLC members, through email, some information regarding federal money for rail trails.

Documentation Implementation Subcommittee (CTAP Grant) Tom Fargo reported that the CTAP grant money is no longer available, but suggested that the OLC move forward anyway with the functional inventory of the conservation lands. Steve Bird will contact Dave Kellam, PREP, to see if the OLC project is eligible for the next round CTAP grant due in September. If it is eligible, then Marcia Gasses and Anna Boudreau will contact Community Services to determine city contacts for what GIS info is available., etc., to provide the necessary information to write the grant application. Tom Fargo made a

motion to move forward with the grant application. Anna Boudreau seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TRAILS Tom Fargo reported that the Silver Street tunnel is open, but it is muddy within the area. Bruce Woodruff of the Dover Planning Department has scheduled a meeting for July 15, 2009 with the old Trails Committee members. Many towns, like Keene, designate a 501 (c)(3) to manage the trails. This will be one of the topics at the July 15, 2009 meeting. It was suggested that the OLC needs a vision for the community trail.

OLC WEBSITE Dona Layton provided Dave Price with information regarding the OLC website. Annie Dove, Dover IT has started working on the OLC webpage with announcements of monthly meetings and the mission statement. Additional documents will be added to the webpage in the future. Dona Layton will contact Ms. Dover prior to the August meeting to speak further with her about this project.

6) New Business

State of NH Parklands Issue—Tom Fargo explained that the issue of the State of NH selling its public parks is now on hold. However, the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) has developed a list of NH public parklands that have the potential to be sold as surplus property. Tom Fargo motioned to send a letter to DRED suggesting that they evaluate the willingness of local and regional land trusts to partner and conserve the parks in question through property surplus, should the properties qualify for conservation easement. Second by Ann Reid. Motion passed unanimously. Anna Boudreau abstained.

7) Marcia Gasses motioned to enter into nonpublic session to discuss the status of individual land protection efforts/projects per RSA 91-A:3. Second by Ann Reid. Motion passed unanimously.

8) Steve Bird motioned to exit nonpublic session and seal nonpublic minutes. Second by Cheryl Niles. Motion passed unanimously.

9) Steve Bird motioned to adjourn. Second by Tom Fargo. Motion passes unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

July 2009 minutes respectfully submitted by Anna Boudreau and Dave Price.