



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER COMMUNITY TRAIL ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Second Floor Finance Conference Room-City Hall
Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2010
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Community Trail Meeting
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Present: Ken Costello, Mark Seymour, Sharon Niles, Joe Caproni, Jeremy LaRose, Bruce Woodruff, Bryant Hardwick, and Aviva Grasso

Officer Caproni will be glad to share some concerns and suggestions if the committee would like to hear them. He will email Bruce Woodruff when he sees new "tags" in the tunnel as this will allow Bruce to notify the appropriate department to paint over them. Once he receives the plans for Scenic Drive, Officer Caproni will also be happy to contact people who park in the trail easement.

As always, awareness of the trail as a community resource, to be enjoyed and protected, was raised. Jeremy LaRose agreed to serve on an outreach committee, but it needs more members. Jeremy is experienced in effective document drafting and does COAST publications, so he is a great asset to our group. An adopt-a-spot initiative was also suggested.

A site walk was scheduled for 9/8 with facilities and grounds to identify appropriate locations for trail signs that were donated by GBTU and delivered by Fish and Game. We should officially thank GBTU. After the meeting, Bryant drafted a thank-you note and sent it to the chair.

Fences are up. One house that requested vegetal fencing does not have it yet, but we hope that the funds currently under city council consideration will complete the obligations to all abutters from earlier negotiations. Those plants and clearing the swales are the highest priorities for the TIP funds. After consideration of the work plan, the committee agreed that other priorities include: signage (including safety, rules and trail marking) and crosswalks throughout, final tie removal, lighting between the bridge and Washington St., gravel sub-base on the urban section and construction of the Watson Rd parking area. Signage, trail stencils and crosswalks will require negotiation regarding the Dover Transportation Center parking lot. COAST and the Cochecho Falls Millworks will be included in those conversations.

UNH day was a great success with gravel spread almost the whole way to the Silver St underpass and ties removed on that whole section. The only remaining ties on the trail are either 1) delineating the trail and will be removed when paving happens or 2) between Washington St and the bridge, where a skid steer with a fork on it should be able to remove them quite easily.

The County Work Release Program has been clearing the trail and chipping. They are scheduled for a few more days of chipping and digging post-holes for the rotary trailhead pavilion.

Discussion about the Rotary Trailhead project and the Dover High Building Trades teacher ensued. Rotary is working from a sketch that lacked specifics, as is the building trades teacher. It would be helpful to clarify the specs so that there is sufficient space for necessary information at kiosks and to ensure consistency throughout. Staff indicated this will be done, as they are managing the project.

Cochecho Clean-up day discussions have already begun. GBTU invites more involvement from trail committee.



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The planning department recently completed a TIGER II application for funds to plan Transit Oriented Development near the train station and trail terminus. The trail will feature a prominent part in the planning for this development if the grant is successful.

Planning prepared a new map of the trail that is up in city hall and available for apple harvest day and other public events. It's a bit crowded on paper but good when large. Members recommended reducing the number of colors on the map. Staff indicated this will be done as time allows.

The next meeting is 9/30 at 6pm in the same space to allow us to plan (slightly) for Apple Harvest day. Open lands will share space at their booth with the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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