



**CITY OF
DOVER**

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE PUBLIC MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Monthly Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall, City Council Conference Room, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Thursday, July 15, 2010**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

In attendance: Dona Layton, Barbara LeHocky, Steve Bird, Cheryl Niles, Larry Pilla, Ann Reid

- 1) Approval of Minutes
Barbara LeHocky motioned to approve the OLC minutes of April 2010 and June 2010 with corrections. Second by Cheryl Niles. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Treasurers Report – No report available.
- 3) Public Projects
Currently, there are no public projects.
- 4) Reports by Task Groups

EASEMENT MONITORING

Barbara LeHocky reported on training on completing baseline documentation reports that she received at the Saving Special Places conference in April 2010.

Steve Bird reported that Tom Fargo and Dave Price provided him with boundary markers for the OLC or surveyors to put up to indicate that a property is conserved and to mark the boundaries of the land, so that it is easier to monitor.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Apple Harvest Day is Saturday, October 2. The OLC will have a booth at the event, as always. The OLC will ask member Geoffrey Njue if the animal pelts belonging to UNH Cooperative Extension can be used again for the display.

Ann Reid reported on Gundalow Day events. The event was a combined celebration of river preservation and Dover history. It was both well-attended and successful. The OLC display had a prominent place at the event.

Steve Bird reported that the OLC is out of OLC brochures entirely. A new brochure will have to be designed and printed in time for Apple Harvest Day.

Ann Reid talked to the committee about OLC members receiving training to enable them to identify invasive species of plants and insects. There is an individual who could conduct that

training. Steve Bird suggested that the OLC hold this training workshop in October after Apple Harvest Day.

GRANT WRITING

Aquatic Mitigation Resource Fund. Steve will call Lori Sommers of the DES to ask questions regarding this grant. His questions will include: 1) How far along in development/implementation does a project have to be to qualify for funding. The grant application is due September 19, 2010. There is a total of 1.5 million dollars available. The OLC has a possible project that may qualify and is cited in the Newington Bridge mitigation project. The grant does not require a match, but projects that come with matching funds would receive priority. Tom Fargo has volunteered to help complete the grant application.

TRAILS

Cheryl Niles reported that it is possible now for individuals to make donations directly to the Community Trail fund. She also reported that the Eagle Scout who has taken on the project of fixing and cleaning up the trail is doing an excellent job.

OLC WEBSITE

Larry Pilla and Barbara LeHocky will begin to work together on developing the OLC website.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee discussed the possibilities of changing the regular monthly meeting date to the second Thursday of the month and/or the meeting time from 5:30 to 5:00.

Steve Bird motioned to enter into nonpublic session to discuss the status of individual land protection efforts/projects per RSA 91-A:3. Second by Cheryl Niles. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

July 2010 OLC minutes respectfully submitted by Dona Layton