



CITY OF DOVER

COMMUNITY TRAIL COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **1st Floor Conference Room, City Hall**
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, February 15, 2011**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

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Present: Ken Costello, Marcia Gasses, Joe Caproni, Bruce Woodruff, Aviva Grasso, Mark Seymour, Tom Fargo, Cheryl Niles, Thad Mandsager, Bryant Hardwick, Gabe Roxby

Bruce and Aviva provided updates. Not a lot of change from last meeting.

- Parking lot at Watson Road.
 - Estimate has been increased to \$45k for parking lot construction.
- Spaulding Bridge underpass
NHDOT has not responded. State Dept. of Environmental Services is reviewing.
- Fisher St to Central Ave.
 - No progress on easements. Aviva volunteered to make contact with Property Owner to open new line of communication. It was suggested that property Owner be invited to Trail Committee meeting.
- Trailhead posters
 - New posters have been printed and are in Planning office. Posters need to be installed. Thad, a Rotary Member, will inquire within Rotary to see if they can reinstall posters.
- Connection from Whittier Falls Parkway to underpass construction limit
 - City applied for Timberland Company Earth Day grant to assist in clearing and installing gravel walk from end of Whittier Falls Parkway to intermittent stream crossing.
 - Mark Seymour noted that there is a UNH class that designs and builds wooden bridges and could be a possible resource for the bridge needed to cross intermittent stream.

Other updates:

- Aviva had discussion with Gary Bannon, Dover Recreation, regarding the Trail Committee and whether it made sense for committee to reside under Dover Recreation/Recreation Advisory Board. The Recreation Department does not have grounds crews. All work (including park maintenance) is done by Community Services. As long as funds are coming in and construction is occurring on trail, then having Trail Committee under jurisdiction of Recreation Advisory Board might not be best location. Aviva noted that Pool Advisory Committee is still researching where/what that committee needs to be. Gary did mention that the new Recreation Master Plan has a section regarding parks promotion. Open Lands Committee and Trail Committee should get promotional information/ literature to Gary.
- Mark noted that the Great Bay Trout Unlimited Day will be May 21st and that organizational meetings will be starting up. Bryant has volunteered to attend as representative of Trail Committee.
- Dover clean up day is late April (30th) or early May (7th). It has been confirmed that the trail will be a cleanup site.
- Joe asked who is responsible for clearing of snow at the fence at end of Scenic Drive. Bruce noted that Design Committee envisioned only the section between the Transportation Center and Washington St would be cleared.



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- Gabe volunteered to conduct tree identification walks on the trail. Gabe was told that Open Lands Committee would be interested in sponsoring walks.
- Ken offered to assist with conceptual drawings of connection from 4th Street to trail along river if topography is available to help move easement process along. Bruce to check to see if he could get engineering firm to provide pro bono services. Subsequent to meeting, Bruce forwarded topography information that was done when original talks took place with Downeast Energy. Aviva and Ken to meet with Downeast once concept is developed to restart easement discussions. It was suggested that property Owner/representative be invited to Trail Committee meeting.

Work Session:

- The Committee broke up into workgroups to review the 11 section trail work plan and to update each section. After working in groups, each provided a synopsis for each trail section. Work plan will be updated by Planning Department and will be attached to these minutes.
- Next meeting scheduled for March 15, 2011 @ 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.