



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, February 10, 2011**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Barbara Lehocky (Chair), Steve Bird, Anne Kotlus, Geoffrey Njue, Cheryl Niles, John Scruton.

Non-members Present: Lee Skinner

1. Approval of January minutes: Motion to accept made by Niles, seconded by Scruton. Vote: Unanimous.

2. Treasurer's Report: Not available at the time of the meeting.

3. Public Projects: None at this time.

4. Report by Task Groups

A. Monitoring: Monitoring reports were written for the last two visits and were submitted with photos.

B. Outreach and Education: Scruton provided materials on the upcoming Glynwood-Keep Farming Program that helps communities organize to support agriculture and farmers and to transfer more land to farming and strengthen the farming community.

The Strafford County Conservation District 2011 Annual Plant Sale will be held April 30-31. OLC will participate as we did last year by having invasive species information available and will post a sign-up sheet in March to person the table.

C. Grant Writing: The Federal Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program provides matching funds to help buy development rights to keep productive farm and ranchlands in agricultural uses. Working through existing programs the USDA partners with State, tribal or local governments and non-profits to acquire conservation easements or other interests in land from landowners. USDA provides up to 50% of the fair market easement value of the conservation easement. This may be a source of funding in the future.

D. Trails: The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15 at 5:30. The committee will be seeking donations for signage.

5. New Business: Some discussion occurred regarding the currently problematic funding for UNH Extension programs.

6. Non-Public Meeting

Bird made a motion to enter into non-public session for report on the status of individual land protection efforts/transactions per RSA 91-A:3. Kotlus seconded the motion and a roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

A. Bird made a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. Lehocky seconded. Vote: Unanimous Approval.

7. Adjournment

Bird motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kotlus seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Minutes taken by Barbara Lehocky.