



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 6, 2011**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Barbara Lehocky (Chair), Anna Boudreau, Steve Bird, John Scruton, Anne Kotlus, Cheryl Niles

1. **Approval of September minutes:** Motion to accept as presented made by Boudreau, seconded by Niles. Vote: Unanimous.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Bird reported that the current balance as of September 30, 2011 was \$640,368.62 with receivables totaling \$57,613.44.
3. **Public Projects:** None
4. **Report by Task Groups**
 - A. **Easement Monitoring:** Next on the easement monitoring list are Vermette and Country Home Estates for Monday at 3:30. Next on list will be Stern and Willows the week after.

Bird was contacted by Kristen Murphy who lives in Dover and works in Exeter as an easement monitor who is willing to help us monitor Dover's easements. She might also be willing to train new volunteers.

Boudreau suggested that to avoid problems in the future we make sure that the easement monitoring reports use the phrase "No violations were seen on the areas monitored."

- B. **Outreach and Education:** Apple Harvest Day was very well attended with a number of people showing interest in the committee and trails. Kotlus will make a spread sheet and divide it up for OLC members to use to make calls for possible new members. A number of visitors were interested in the Trails Committee and these names will be forwarded to them.

There was discussion regarding the display signage. Kotlus will try to order us a new label for the display from Vista Print for free. The current committee name label reflects sun and can't be read easily. Along with that change we will review the display to incorporate our mission in an easy to read bullet point statement. OLC will also develop a new "Welcome" packet for new committee members.

"New Hampshire Listens" was attended by Niles who was happy to report that Dover is ahead of the curve on many of the recreation proposals discussed.

The Salmon Falls Watershed Collaborative is holding a meeting on Wednesday, November 9, at the Governor's Inn in Rochester from 6-8:30 p.m. We may car pool if OLC members want to attend.

- C. **Grant writing:** nothing to report at this time



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D. Trails Committee: A joint meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13th in the “Finance Conference Room” so we can get to know each other. Refreshments will be served. Niles reported that the new boat launch at the Community Trail is wonderful, beautifully landscaped and a tremendous asset. It may need a crank or winch to help pull boats out of the water.

6. New Business: None

7. Non-Public Meeting

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

Bird motioned to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. Boudreau seconded. Vote: Unanimous Approval.

8. Adjournment

Kotlus motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. Niles seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Minutes taken by Barbara Lehocky.