



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, July 14, 2011**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Barbara Lehocky (Chair), Anna Boudreau (Vice-Chair), Steve Bird, Cheryl Niles, Ann Reid, John Scruton

Others Present: Robert Fisher

1. **Approval of May minutes:** Motion to accept with corrections noted made by Boudreau, seconded by Niles. Vote: Unanimous.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** The balance as of 6/30/11 was \$608,661.17. Another \$35,637.26 is receivable that have not yet been collected.
3. **Public Projects:** None
4. **Report by Task Groups**
 - A. **Easement Monitoring:**
 - Since Dave Price moved and had to step down, Boudreau was going to try to coordinate by sending around the monitoring list of properties. Didn't do it, will do that this month.
 - The Cassily property was cleaned up and cleared the day of the Cochecho River day event. Bird, Lehocky and other volunteers worked to complete that job.
 - Bird submitted monitoring report on Cassily to LCHIP. In response they, surprisingly, sent us a check for \$20 from LCHIP, for writing such an excellent report.
 - Reid reported that she heard there is glass on the Community Trail. Boudreau noted that it is good to know that.
 - B. **Outreach and Education:**
 - Scruton mentioned a PBS series on June 21 that featured stories about Urban Sprawl, saving land in urban settings, Urban Growth boundaries and other solutions that cities across the country are looking at. It was done by the Lincoln Institute if you want to go online and look up more information about this on PBS. Sounds like a very enlightening series of programs.
 - Bird mentioned that a press release that he had intended to be reviewed first by the OLC accidentally went to press before we had a chance to look at it, but it was well done and folks have inquired about joining, so it was well received. Robert Fisher was present to observe the committee as a potential future OLC member.
 - C. **Grant writing:** nothing to report at this time
 - D. **Trails Committee:**

Niles reported that Lorie Chase of the Cochecho River Watershed Coalition has some funding for a timber bridge that is needed along the Cochecho River on the Sixth Street Station property that can accommodate both pedestrians and horses. Maybe get DHS students involved. Hopefully Berry Brook residents and members of that group will attend the next trails meeting to



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learn more get the residents involved. August 13th is the Cassily Property walk, with the Conservation Commission. Jeremy Larose is the new chair of the Trails committee.

6. New Business:

- Everyone is invited to the Joint Conservation Commission/OLC Master Plan update meeting set for 7/19/11 at 6 pm, room 305 in the McConnell Center. Time to update the conservation and open space section of the master plan that has not been redone since the OLC was created in 2000. It would be good to have folks who have been on the committee since its inception to review what our goals were back then what we've accomplished so far and then see what the master plan steering committee members have come up with for additional questions and goals. The meeting will be facilitated. This is still the input, information gathering stage. Please make an effort to show up. Lehocky asked if we should put a goal on a percent of conserved land. Brief discussion on this resulted in a preliminary answer of no, as it would be a false goal but the question will no doubt be discussed, along with many others, at the meeting. Bird suggested OLC members go online to review the existing Chapter, currently combined with the Recreation chapter. It will be interesting to see what goals we set 11 years ago and what we have accomplished so far.
- Bird introduced a letter from the SCCD stating that because their county funding was cut this year, they are requesting that the City pay \$9,602.34 for Dover's share for half of last year's funding. After some discussion, Reid made a motion, seconded by Lehocky to send this up to the Conservation Commission with our recommendation not to fund this because it would not be an appropriate or legal expenditure from the Conservation Fund per RSA 36-A: 5 and the list of services that the letter says they provide are actually performed by or in collaboration with many other organizations and agencies so it does not make fiscal sense to fund this request. Motion passed 5 - 1 with John Scruton opposed.
- Before he left, because the committee was going into non-public session, guest Robert Fisher inquired as to our regular monthly meeting schedule and he was informed that the OLC meets on the second Thursday of every month, with the next meeting scheduled for 8/11/11.

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. Niles 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

Bird motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Scruton seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Minutes taken by Anna Boudreau.