



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, July 12, 2012**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair), John Scruton, Ann S. Reid, Malone Cloitre, Bob Fisher, Barbara Lehocky, Anne Kotlus, Steve Bird

1. Citizen Forum

Scruton noted Channel11 has been broadcasting shows related to cleaning up storm water.

Fisher said he reviewed maps showing the conservation easements in Enterprise Park. He wanted to look into using this land for mitigation so more industrial development could occur. Boudreau stated that the conservation easements in the park are mostly wetlands that can't be built on. Bird explained that this land is controlled by DIBDA and he might want to check with them.

Boudreau: I want to make it clear that the OLC should not be in favor of what Mr. Fisher is proposing, but that he can pursue it as a private citizen, not representing the OLC. We would not support overturning the Enterprise Park easement for mitigation purposes.

2. Approval of May10, 2012 and June 14, 2012 minutes: Fisher made the motion to accept both minutes. Seconded by Lehocky Vote: Unanimous.

3. Treasurer's Report: Conservation Fund balance was \$327, 580.44 as of 6/30/12, with the receivable amount being \$81,827.78.

4. Public Projects:

Bird said that he had spoken with Kathie Forbes about getting her approval of the press release regarding the easement. She said she has been getting complaints from neighbors about the new owners using ATV's and having target practice. We should look to do an easement monitoring visit this year instead of waiting until one year.

5. Report by Task Groups

A. *Easement Monitoring:*

Bird: Boudreau and I did the Overlook subdivision off Tuttle Lane and Quaker Lane. The boundaries of the easement were tough to find. In the future we should require that markers be installed by the surveyors prior to accepting the easement. We could look for grants from PREP to hire a surveyor to install easement boundaries.

Bird: We also did the Stone Arch Bridge easement off County Farm Cross Road and the report was written. One resident works in the City Clerk office which helped,

B. *Outreach and Education*



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Bird said that the trail committee had a website that was independent and not linked to the City site. If we want to link to the City site, all information has to go to City Web Master. Kotlus agreed to work with Buck on the web-site. Cloitre asked if we could use Facebook.

Bird reported that the Conservation Commission approved the \$75 for Apple Harvest Festival. We received a check from LCHIP as a reward for submitting report on easement.

Scruton said that the City zoned out farm land in 1979. Bird agreed to research which zoning districts allow some type of agriculture.

Kotlus: My stepson has a business where he sells bee hives that are hardy enough to make it through winter; the bees are from Russia. There was an article on Monday, July 9th in the Union Leader about the hives. He offers to get the hives started and can provide regular care or train someone. It would be a good idea to put one at the community garden. Actual costs are \$400.00 to start but he may be able to get extra funds moved around so cost can be reduced to \$150.00. Kotlus will check with Eric Kelsey from the Community Garden to see if they are interested.

C. Grant Writing – Nothing new

Bird reported that LCHIP has \$500,000 in grants available, with \$150,000 maximum award per community. The project has to allow public access. There is a 7/18/12 workshop on writing grants for LCHIP in Ashland NH. The applications are due September 7, 2012.

D. Trails – Nothing new

6. New Business: None

7. Non-Public Meeting

Lehocky 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). Kotlus 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 because divulgence would render the proposed action ineffective. Lehocky seconded. Vote: Unanimous Approval.

Boudreau said that we will review the bylaws work that Lehocky at the next meeting and the goal should be to have the OLC brochure draft by August 9th.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:58 pm by Bird, seconded by Lehocky. Vote: Unanimous

Minutes taken by Ann Reid.