



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, June 14, 2012**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: John Scruton, Ann S. Reid, Anna Boudreau, Steve Bird, Malone Cloitre, Chris Buck

1. **Approval of May minutes:** postponed until next month.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Conservation Fund balance was \$327,582.04 as of 5/31/12, with the receivable amount being \$92,074.23.
3. **Public Projects:** None
4. **Report by Task Groups**

A. *Easement Monitoring:*

Bird reported that they had completed the Day parcel on Sixth Street. Four folks went including Lauren Jacoby from the Conservation Commission.

Also did Waldron Falls along Cochecho River off Watson Road. It is a 50-foot wide conservation easement along the river that is used extensively by fishermen. There are Conservation Land boundary signs posted.

There are two properties that we are working on monitoring. One is the Stone Arch Bridge Association off of County Farm Cross Road. One of the owners works in the City Clerks office. Cloitre volunteered to go along with Quisumbing-King from the Conservation Commission.

The second is the Overlook/Tuttle Lane. Bird wrote a letter and mailed it to the nine property owners that have the easement on their property. Boudreau recognized the names of some and will try to contact them.

B. *Outreach and Education*

Boudreau stated that the OLC brochure needs a complete rewrite and Buck and Kotlus have agreed to work on that.

Reid said that the Great Bay Stewards have decided not to pursue the environmentally friendly meeting "lunch and learn", so we could do something like that.

Buck suggested inviting State Candidates to a meeting or public forum related to environmental issues. Look for other agencies to cosponsor such an event. We can build relationships that will come in handy later.



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Bird noted that it is time again to complete the application for the Apple Harvest Day, scheduled for October 5th. The cost is \$75 and we need to ask the Conservation Commission to pay for it out of the Conservation Fund.

Boudreau asked if the committee felt that we should try to use the animal pelts again.

Consensus was to request \$75 from the Conservation Commission. Bird will pass on this request.

Scruton stated that on Friday, June 15th there is a Sustainable Agriculture meeting at Route 106 Farm Building.

Boudreau stated that on Friday, July 13th the Strafford County UNH Cooperative Extension will be holding an open house from 1-3.

Buck to check with City Manager about doing our own website. The Trails Committee has their own website and Facebook page. Buck said that we could create a baseline format (create template).

C. Grant Writing – Nothing new

D. Trails – Nothing new

5. New Business:

Boudreau presented a PowerPoint presentation that she developed for the Strafford Rivers Conservancy called Easements 101. It explained who the Grantor and Grantee are and what each is responsible for. Conservation easements have to meet purposes and there are costs involved. It was suggested that this presentation be given to the Conservation Commission also.

6. Non-Public Meeting

Reid 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). Bird seconded the motion and a roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Reid motioned to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes because divulgence would render the proposed action ineffective. Buck seconded. Vote: Unanimous Approval.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm by Buck, seconded by Cloitre. Vote: Unanimous

Minutes taken by Ann Reid.