



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, May 10, 2012**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair), John Scruton, Ann S. Reid, Steve Bird, Chris Buck, Robert Fisher, Anne Kotlus, Barbara Lehocky

- 1. Approval of April minutes:** Kotlus motioned to approve the minutes, Scruton seconded. Vote: Unanimous
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** Conservation Fund balance was \$327,603.79 as of 4/30/12, with the receivable amount being \$39,585.53.
- 3. Public Projects:** None

Fisher asked if the OLC had ever included a public comment period as part of its agenda. Boudreau stated that she could not recall doing that but she had no problem with adding a citizen's forum item to future agendas.

4. Report by Task Groups

A. Easement Monitoring:

Bird reported that he had worked on updating the easement monitoring spreadsheet so they could get a better handle on the properties that have to be monitored. He suggested scheduling monitoring for the Day parcel on Sixth Street and the Waldron Falls property along Cochecho River off Watson Road. Bird will contact the owners to set something up and try to get some Conservation Commission members to attend as well.

B. Outreach and Education

Boudreau stated that the Cochecho River Trails Clean-up day was May 12th and members are invited to participate. Bird said he was planning to attend.

Bird reported that he had drafted a press release for the Parks/Forbes conservation easement and provided a copy to Kathie Forbes for her review.

Buck suggested developing an OLC web-site that could be linked to the City site. Bird will check with City IT staff to see if it is permissible.

Fisher asked about the conservation land at Enterprise Park and asked for a list of names and addresses of all the landowners/businesses located there. He suggested that permits be obtained to fill in the wetlands to allow for more industrial development. Boudreau stated that it would not be appropriate for this particular committee to consider this action as our mission is to conserve land, but if Mr. Fisher wanted to stop in the planning office during the week, Bird could certainly provide the entire list, with names, map and lot numbers at that time, rather than try to go through that at the meeting.



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Fisher disagreed and left the meeting.

Reid suggested a possible fundraising and educational party in the Berry Brook neighborhood. The event could be shared with the Great Bay Stewards and Cochecho River Outreach Coalition. Lehocky said her home and garden might be suitable for such an event. Plans to be finalized at the June meeting.

C. Grant Writing – Nothing new

D. Trails – Nothing new since Cheryl Niles is working at night now.

5. New Business:

Bylaws: Bird distributed copies of the proposed bylaws drafted by the Legal Counsel and the existing bylaws already in place. Lehocky agreed compare the documents and determine what may need to be added.

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 6:45 pm by Buck, seconded by Kotlus. Vote: Unanimous

Minutes taken by Ann Reid.