



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, March 14, 2013**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair), John Scruton, Ann S. Reid, Anne Kotlus, Cheryl Niles, Kristen Murphy

Staff Present: Steve Bird

1. Citizen Forum

Niles asked about switching meeting time or she can't stay as voting member because she works 3pm-midnight. She offered to still stay on committees.

If she is going to resign she needs to e-mail the City Clerk and copy Boudreau and Bird to make it official.

2. Approval of January 10, 2013 minutes:

Motion made to approve the minutes by Reid, seconded by Kotlus. Vote: Unanimous.

3. Treasurer's Report: Bird reported that as of the end of January, the Conservation Fund is \$365,916.23 with the receivable amount at \$27,529.80.

4. Public Projects:

Boudreau: None at the moment.

5. Report by Task Groups

A. *Easement Monitoring:*

Bird reported that Lehocky did Liberty Mutual and Measured Progress easement monitoring reports. We are caught up on the reports due to the state. New Soil Conservation District staff did the Holley easement.

Boudreau reported that Tuttle needs to be monitored because SRC doesn't have a contract with the OLC.

Boudreau wants to visit Forbes easement, now owned by Paolini. There is concern with neighbor complaints about ATV use and plan to harvest timber under the Forest Plan.

Bird reported that the Garland parcel off Long Hill Road had a foreclosure on the easement. Our position is secure even if the property changes hands.

Cloitre will help call in Conservation Commission members to assist with monitoring as long as two people accept the day and time.

B. *Outreach and Education*

Cloitre sent the Facebook for OLC.

Boudreau: What is the goal of the Facebook page?



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Discussed that we would like to add the OLC purpose, list of members, and a link to the Community Trail page.

Bird urged members to go on the page to see what is there.

Kotlus has the list of what needs to be included on page.

Niles has Publisher and can help with the text/format.

Scruton asked when we could work to get a Town Forest in the southwest part of the City.

Boudreau: That area has the Superfund site and Brox owns the gravel pits. We don't have a city forester. Scruton: USDA has grants to help.

Bird: Planning Department is planning a big meeting for land use boards. There will be dinner and lots of people invited sometime in April.

Bird: The Saving Special Places conference is coming up on April 6th at John Stark Regional HS, Weare, NH, from 8am-3:45pm. Kotlus wants to go.

Boudreau: The SRC Annual Meeting will be held at the Cara Irish Pub on 4th Street on March 21st.

Boudreau: On April 27th and 28th the NRCS is looking for volunteers to put in 10,000 plants for rabbit habitat at the Harrigan property on Bennett Road.

Bird: I spoke with a lady last week that indicated that the Cassily Community Garden leadership is missing. There are restrictions and people can't just grow.

C. Grant Writing: None

D. Trails:

Niles hasn't been able to attend a meeting lately so she has no report.

Bird: The New Meadows apartments have a trail easement along the river and the new owners want to spruce up and will look at the trail with the Community Trails Committee.

Bird: I was approached by a man that works at Liberty Mutual who wants to help with the Whittier Falls gully connection by building a bridge. He put him in touch with Jeremy Larose.

6. New Business:

A. Review of OLC Bylaws

OLC Bylaws on hold until next meeting.

7. Non-Public Meeting – not needed

Boudreau gave an update on the Huggins easement.



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8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm by Kotlus, seconded by Murphy. Vote: Unanimous

Next meeting April 11th at 5:30 pm.

Minutes taken by Ann Reid.