



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Joint Meeting with Conservation Commission
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room - 288 Central Avenue Dover NH
Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2012
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

JOINT MEETING WITH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Lauren Jacoby, Ron Hebert, Cora Quisumbing-King, Kevin Perron, Kris Houle (Alternate)

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Anna Boudreau (Chair), John Scruton, Malone Cloitre, Ann Reid, Anne Kotlus

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

1. INTRODUCTIONS OF MEMBERS

Hunt welcomed the Open Lands Committee members to the joint meeting and members of both groups introduced themselves.

2. REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE CHAPTER

Bird distributed copies of the four pages from the Conservation and Open Space chapter of the master plan that contain the recommendations that will be discussed tonight.

A. **Modify Acquisition Criteria – *Open Lands Committee***

Hunt reviewed the master plan recommendation.

Scruton: In 1979 zoning restricted agriculture in the city. We protect wetlands and watersheds but not agriculture. We need to take a hard look at the land we want to protect. Take a map and identify areas to preserve.

Boudreau described the criteria the OLC uses at present. The Community Trail was not in the criteria. Private land owners have to want to preserve their land.

Hunt: Zoning for farmland is a Planning Board issue.

Boudreau: The OLC will look at our criteria in the near future.

Hunt: The Community Trail is a very worthwhile use of funds.

Hunt reviewed the idea of setting a goal of protecting a specific acreage and pointed out that the master plan recommends no acreage goal.

B. **Improve protection of Bouchard and Hughes Wellheads**

Hunt: We toured the existing wellhead areas and some are vulnerable to pollution.

Hunt reviewed the recommendation in the master plan.

C. **Evaluate City-owned Tracts For Conservation Value and Permanent Protection – *Conservation Commission***



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Bird: The Conservation Commission could look at a list of all City-owned parcels, generated by the Assessing Department, and determine which may be worthy of additional protection. A map could also be prepared.

Cloitre: We need to develop criteria for protection and look at what other towns have done.

Jacoby: We could put this on our future agendas for discussion. Maybe form a sub-committee to work on the list.

D. Raise Public Awareness of Accessible Conservation Lands – *Conservation Commission*

Hunt reviewed the recommendation.

Boudreau: The OLC is working on a web page and Facebook page. We need to update our brochure.

Cloitre: We could put trails maps on the Dover Download.

Hunt: We have lots of good ideas but it is not easy to get things done as a group of volunteers.

A general discussion ensued on getting information on protected lands out to the public through various techniques.

E. Re-invigorate the Conservation Commission – *Conservation Commission*

Hunt: How to do this is the question. Maybe we should tackle this and the remaining agenda items at a future joint meeting due to the later hour.

F. Re-invigorate the Open Lands Committee – *Open Lands Committee*

- 3. DISCUSSION ON ESTABLISHING AN EASEMENT MONITORING TEAM**
- 4. DISCUSSION ON OBTAINING PHOTO ID'S FOR MEMBERS**
- 5. DISCUSSION OF ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS**

Hunt: The future joint meeting will be held on January, 10, 2013 at 5:30, which is the regular meeting date for the OLC.

- 6. ADJOURNMENT**