



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 11, 2012**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

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

1. Citizen Forum

Boudreau: The Strafford Rivers Conservancy is holding a walk at Stonehouse Pond in Barrington on Sunday and all are welcome.

2. Approval of September 6, 2012 minutes:

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

3. Treasurer's Report: Bird did not have the Conservation Fund balance number but it has been very steady lately.

4. Public Projects:

Boudreau: None at the moment. The owner of the Forbes Park easement wants to clear trees. He hired a forester to prepare a management plan and we are waiting for an e-mail from the forester.

5. Report by Task Groups

A. *Easement Monitoring:*

Lehocky was going to do Measured Progress and Liberty Mutual. Bird sent her the monitoring forms. Cloitre can help Bird with monitoring.

B. *Outreach and Education*

Boudreau: Apple Harvest Day went well. We had many people asking for trails maps. Fact or myth sheet should be produced. Kotlus and Scruton will work on it.

Bird will email Jeremy Larose, Chair of the Trails Committee, asking for someone from his committee to join as a liaison.

Boudreau will contact all potential volunteers from Apple Harvest Day.

Cloitre will start Facebook, which can be done if it is independent from the City site.

Kotlus: Mel Griffin is interested in doing a project in the Spring of 2013. Kotlus will arrange.

Bird said that he has been told that getting ID badges for OLC members is possible.

C. *Grant Writing:* None

D. *Trails:* None



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6. New Business:

A. Review of OLC Bylaws

Boudreau: We will delay this item because Lehocky is not here and will do in November.

B. Discussion of Request for Funding From the Barrington Conservation Commission

Bird explained that the Barrington Conservation Commission Chair had contacted him to see if Dover wanted to contribute funds to protect a parcel in Barrington that is at the headwaters of the Bellamy River. About 10 years ago we contributed to protect an adjacent parcel. Now there is an RSA that says if you want to spend money in another community, you have to get permission from the City Council first, which we have not done. Since we have not adopted the provisions of that RSA, we can not contribute funds. Also we are not sure of the conservation value to Dover. The Conservation Commission discussed this issue on October 9th and decided to not support the expenditure, pending input from the OLC. Bird will let Barrington know that we can not support the use of our limited Conservation Funds for this purpose, especially given that the City has not adopted the required RSA.

C. Discussion of Joint Meeting with the Dover Conservation Commission

Bird explained that the joint meeting with the Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 13, after their regular meeting in the usual meeting room. Bird will email all the specifics and the Master Plan chapter that should be reviewed prior to the meeting. We plan to discuss the recommendations related to revitalizing the committees and a possible liaison position from Conservation Commission.

The OLC discussed the need for the election of officers for 2013 and decided to postpone until December due to the joint meeting.

7. Non-Public Meeting

Kotlus 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.

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

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 pm by Reid, seconded by Kotlus. Vote: Unanimous

Minutes taken by Malone Cloitre.