

CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 10, 2014**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Ann Reid, Anne Kotlus, Brenda Davidson, Barbara Lehocky, John Scruton

Staff Present: Steve Bird

Others Present: Bryant Hardwick

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Lehocky agreed to chair the meeting.
Meeting called to order by Lehocky at 5:40 pm.

1. Citizens Forum:

Hardwick thanked the OLC for the great work.

Scruton: Open lands should come up when the CIP is discussed, then when agriculture is in place, there is no room for development. Why did the City zone out farm land back in 2007?

Lehocky suggested putting the farm land information on our website.

2. Approval of March 13, 2014 minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report: Bird reported that the balance for February 28, 2014 was \$707,659.00, with a receivable amount of \$64,703.28.

3. Public Projects:

A. Tendercrop Farm Update: Bird and Boudreau attended a meeting with the Natural Resources Agencies in Concord on March 19th. Issues may include impacts to wetland buffers, scenic values, tidal areas, and wildlife. City has to make sure storm water management takes place and complies with EPA regulations. More info next month or once we have a copy of the wetlands delineation map and forest management plan to review. Conservation Commission will have to review plan.

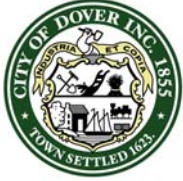
4. Report by Task Groups

A. Easement Monitoring:

Bird: Some people approached Boudreau at Land Use Board Meet and Greet about volunteering for monitoring.

Kotlus: The NE Stewardship Network may have interns that we could use for monitoring.

B. Outreach and Education



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Saving Special Places conference - Kotlus and Davidson attended.

Kotlus thanked Dover for paying her way.

Davidson – Attended excellent overview from Tom Howe on easement monitoring criteria.

Bird – LCHIP is opening up grants again. April 30 there is a grant writing workshop. Grant is due June 27th. Money comes in Nov. 17th.

Prior to the meeting, Boudreau discussed with Bird the need for an assessment of natural resources to help baseline documentation reports. If under \$1000, we don't have to go for bid.

C. *Trails:*

Hardwick, Chair of Community Trails Committee reported that Sue Pike of St. Thomas Aquinas was working on a Phenology Trail Network. People would walk trails to document trees, bushes. Interface upload on line. She's doing a proposal to set up. Could lead to more volunteers to help monitoring.

Michelle Alexander – Main Street Coordinator has been elected as Chair of the Dover Energy Committee.

Downeast Energy on Fourth Street has been sold and we still need easement from them.

Mark Seymour of Trout Unlimited is on Trail Committee.

Discussion about a meeting date change

5. **New Business:**

A. Revise OLC brochure – Progress has been made. Murphy and Kotlus have made changes and sent to Boudreau and Bird. More later.

B. Cloitre and Boudreau will work on mission statement

6. **Non-Public Meeting** –None Held

7. **Adjournment**

Kotlus motioned to adjourn at 6:50 PM. Seconded by Davidson. Vote: Unanimous

Minutes taken by Ann Reid.