

CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, June 19, 2014**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau, Malone Cloitre, Anne Kotlus, Brenda Davidson, John Scruton, Kristen Murphy

Staff Present: Steve Bird

Others Present: None

Meeting called to order by Boudreau at 5:40 pm.

1. Citizens Forum:

Kotlus provided an overview of the recent Stewardship Network meeting. Discussed opportunity for sharing interns, developing a standardized monitoring form, and development of a training program. Potential intern tasks for Dover could be property monitoring in the fall and updating our property spreadsheet. Davidson suggested spreadsheet include information on best time of year for inspection for each property. Boudreau recommended a local land trust send a representative to help with the form standardization and training program development. Kotlus also informed us of a training on how to run an invasive species removal day (10/17) and a potential regional volunteer BBQ (Henry Law and Hilton parks were suggested as good locations), and suggested we reach out to Francine von Mertens regarding her invasive brochure.

Murphy informed the group of an upcoming training next Thursday on engaging youth in conservation.

Boudreau acknowledged Bird on behalf of OLC for his 2014 Planner of the Year award.

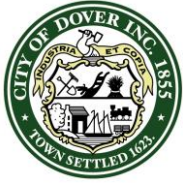
2. Approval of May 22, 2014 minutes:

Amend item #1 to read “and a talk about the history of the death penalty in Dover talk...”. Amend item 4B to read “Scruton said we should acknowledge that monetary value of land should include its value as CO2 absorption, reducing carbon footprint, and stormwater filtration. Motion to approve as amended by Murphy, seconded by Davidson. Vote: Unanimous.

3. Treasurer's Report: Bird reported that as of May 31, 2014 the Conservation Fund is \$661,491.46 with the receivables of \$93,429.84.

4. Public Projects:

Tender Crop Farms: Bird provided a summary of the DOT meeting this week with representatives from Tender Crop Farm, the City, the Strafford Rivers Conservancy (SRC), the NH DOT, and federal resource agencies. A summary of the June meeting of the Conservation Commission was also shared. Questions regarding nutrient management and impacts to wetlands were discussed. As a result of the June 18, 2014 meeting in Concord with NH DOT, Tyler Matteson, controller for Tender Crop Farm, shared a modification to their plans that would create a 20’ no cut buffer around the wetlands and with an additional 10’ exclusion for crops. They no longer plan to cut within the wetlands so these changes mean the overall acreage to be harvested has been significantly reduced thus helping address some of the concerns of the easement holders. The OLC discussed at length the importance of the three



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easement holders working together to develop clear guidance on what information they need in order to determine if the conservation objectives for natural resource protection are met. So far the information has been asked for bit by bit. Better to send him a list so he knows what to include in the plan.

Considering this discussion, Davidson made a motion that, "Although we are mindful of our - [the city's] - role to ensure that the natural resources of the property are protected, we also want to respect the landowner and maintain a positive working relationship, so we recommend the Conservation Commission approve the forestry management plan, so long as Tender Crop Farm provides some information about the agricultural activities after the timber harvest is carried out, such as if the NH Best Management Practices for Agriculture will be followed, particularly with regard to wetland protection, nutrient management and erosion control. Seconded by Cloitre. Vote: Unanimous.

5. Report by Task Groups

A. *Easement Monitoring:*

Davidson completed the inspection reports for the Klotz, Allen, Stern, and Willows properties. Bird to add photos and send reports to the landowners.

B. *Outreach and Education*

Scruton provided a summary of the Sustainable Agriculture meeting in Concord and shared several brochures.

August 20th Bellamy Walk –Bird will request funds for printing of brochure and flyer. Cloitre will contact Hannaford for potential donation of water. Murphy will contact Jim Oehler (NHFG) to confirm the dates.

C. *Trails:*

Murphy reported the Route 16 underpass for the Community Trail was completed.

Kotlus said Cassilly fields had been cut.

Cloitre had not heard back from Bagdon regarding the trail connection but will continue to reach out.

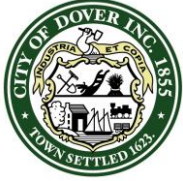
6. New Business:

Standard Meeting Date:

Kotlus motioned the OLC meeting time will remain the 2nd Thursday through August. Starting in September the OLC will change the standard meeting time to be the 3rd Thursday. Seconded by Davidson. Scruton abstained. Motion passed.

Brochure:

Davidson suggested the OLC Brochure include the production date. Final comments due at the July meeting. Copies to be available at the Bellamy walk.



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Mission Statement:

Cloitre and Boudreau will work on mission statement.

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). Davidson 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. Murphy seconded. Vote: Unanimous Approval.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 10th, 2014.

8. Adjournment

Kotlus motioned to adjourn at 7:41 PM. Seconded by Cloitre. Vote: Unanimous

Minutes taken by Kristen Murphy.