



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, June 18, 2015**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair), Malone Cloitre (Vice Chair), Kristen Murphy, Brenda Davidson, Anne Kotlus, Isaac Epstein, Cora Quisumbing-King, and Bob Hall

Staff Present: Steve Bird

Citizens Forum (5 minute limit)

Convened at 5:33.

Anna Boudreau welcomed two new members: Bob Hall, who also serves on the ZBA and Cora Quisumbing-King, who serves on the Conservation Commission.

John Scruton has reluctantly stepped down from the Open Lands Committee due to his recent illness/pulmonary issues.

Approval of Minutes for April 16, 2015 and May 21, 2015 (3 minutes)

Epstein moved to approve April 16, Kotlus approved. All Approve, three abstentions.

Davidson motioned, Cloitre seconded. All approved, except Epstein who abstained.

Treasurer's Report (3 minutes)

As of 5/31/15. Fund balance \$517,840.71. Receivable: \$75,980.30. Receivables are up. Boudreau explained how the Land Use Change tax is collected to the new members.

Public Projects (5 minutes)

No pending project – Harry has closed.

Reports by Task Groups

A. Easement Monitoring (10 minutes)

Boudreau explained how the easement monitoring works. OLC members are allowed to come to city hall to have their photo taken for an OLC picture ID to wear on a lanyard when we go out in the field, but only a couple members have done this so far. Steve Bird will find out where we go to get our photos taken for the ID as Alison Webb is out on maternity leave at the moment.

Davidson: On May 26, she and Boudreau monitored Tuttle 1 and 2, with recent timber harvest. Plan is to replace them with fruit trees and grazing pastures. Sent report to Southeast Land Trust of NH SELT, the executory interest holder. On June 9, monitoring Browne#2 with Deb Goard of SELT. Saw some moose tracks in the cornfield. Also did Browne#1/Welsh. Did a good job with Welsh, having a GPS tracker with us again, this year. This year we covered a bit more ground, came around the field, found the bridge, and went up along the boundary of the abutting City owned property. Found 2 stone monuments. Steve has sent out letters to Enterprise Park, which is 12 different easements. Some are very small. Have received 2 emails from companies updating their contact information. Some property will be densely

vegetated, will pose a problem with ticks. Our goal should be to do monitoring with one trip. Bird thinks that there will not be many encroachments.

Williams will be another easement, Estes, Garland. Cora and Isaac will attempt to recruit people from the Conservation Commission to monitor easements. Bob Hall is retired and expressed his interest in becoming involved in easement monitoring.

Dijit Taylor sent a letter and check for \$200 from the LCHIP monitoring fund as a "bonus" for doing our annual monitoring and reports on the Cassily property

B. Outreach and Education (10 minutes)

We have talked about hosting another walk at the Great Bay Wildlife Management Area. Murphy has not done any plans for it. Lower Bellamy River Collaborative has formed and would like to participate. We are planning a walk sometime this summer, Hall will serve as liaison between OLC and the LBRC and sent them information once we have it. Maybe we can get Speaking for Wildlife involved?

We could also possibly do walks on other conserved parcels. The city owns a few parcels, but also Audubon and mostly Fish and Game. Bird will bring a large map to the next meeting to show new people the land that the city owns.

Aiming to get the walk done sometime in July. Epstein asked if we have a date. We are hoping to do it sometime in July, before it gets mowed in August. The trails are maintained and mowed, and we will coordinate by email to get it planned.

C. Trails (5 minutes)

On the Browne 1 easement, Linda Welsh needs help reopening trails. Maybe we can ask the Trails Committee to see if they can help. Monitoring team saw a "rafter" of small turkeys. Maybe we can get the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts involved? There also needs to be a small bridge installed that was washed out in the 2009? "Mother's Day" floods.

New Business

D. Prepare OLC Goal Document for 2015 (10 minutes)

We revised mission statement, but we haven't updated or approved the OLC goal document. Murphy will finalize the list and present it to the group next meeting.

Rochester planning department asked us for our rating criteria. We have received the Rochester conservation document or "LACE" form. Murphy and Boudreau are working on revising our evaluation criteria sheet. We should update and share our new criteria with other land use groups in Dover.

The transitional document has field documentation, prework using agricultural maps and soil, some questions for landowners (eg will you allow public access). Hall would like to work on the project.

Enter non-public session – Report on the status of individual land protection efforts/transactions per RSA 91-A:3 (15 minutes) Kotlus and Cora motion to go into closed session at 6:25. Unanimous.

At 7:16, we voted to come out of sealed session.

Adjourn at 7:18