



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 28, 2016**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair), Malone Cloitre, Isaac Epstein, Ann Reid, Anne Kotlus, Kristen Murphy, Brenda Davidson, Robert Lucier, and Andy Goodell

Staff Present: Steve Bird

Meeting was called to order at 5:32.

1. Citizens Forum:

Murphy talked about two Exeter events – Healthy Lawns, Clean Water Forum. She passed out a flyer about events on May 4 and May 14.

Reid mentioned that the Faces of Dover posters are back up and cleaned.

2. Approval of minutes.

Cloitre moved to approve the March 24, 2016 minutes, Epstein seconded. All approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

No report was available this month.

4. Public Projects

No pending public projects at this time.

5. Reports by Task Groups

Davidson asked that everybody update their addresses on the Google Drive

A. Easement Monitoring

On April 19, Lucier, Goodell, Davidson and Hall monitored Tuttle East.

Davidson asked if the easement goes to the house line. Yes, but not to the abandoned gravel pit. There were no issues with the Tuttle/Tendercrop easement.

Also did the Williams Easement that day. Last year, we identified a metal dump that had not previously been noted. It is still present, but is no longer an active dump. There were some cut trees, but not for wood. Bird noted that they have a wood boiler and they burn a lot of wood, which is permitted under the easement.

On the 26th, Goodell and Davidson did Brown 1/Welsh on Varney road. The owner did not remember receiving notice about the monitoring. Mostly wooded and fielded, very well maintained and pretty, with no noticeable violations of the easement. On the other side of the road, they walked along the ridge, but were stopped by barbed wire fences and brush. You have to walk through the property of Lisa Garcia for access, and the Chair has usually called in advance. There is an old dilapidated bridge.



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Davidson will continue to prioritize required easements, but requested that somebody else take responsibility for monitoring and reporting the Enterprise easements, and the Chair suggested Bob Hall, and Davidson will ask him. Bird has suggested to SELT that we monitor by aerial photos, but has not received a response.

Goodell asked about City IDs. The city is changing its software, but Gillis will notify Bird, who will notify the committee. Epstein asked that everybody receive the update once they are available.

B. Outreach and Education

Murphy reminded the committee about the woodcock walk at 7:00 on 4/30. We may be too late to see any, because of the early warmth and because 7:00PM is a little early. Murphy will take a different route, there appears to be a dumped mattress right next to the parking lot.

Bird mentioned Dover Pride cleanup on May 7. Maybe we could clean Cassily?

May 25th is Conservation Easement for Realtors. Cloitre will definitely be there, although possibly not the Chair.

Apple Harvest Day Subcommittee for the brochure and boards. There was some discussion about not doing a large board, but several smaller boards. Davidson, Murphy, and Reid are the subcommittee.

C. Trails:

Murphy suggested doing a trail walk on June 4, maybe the Bellamy River Wildlife. Epstein asked about combining it with the trail committee cleanup day.

Committee is working on a ramp on Fourth Street, a new informative pamphlet with bookmark style. Nothing about trail cleanup day.

Boudreau asked about QR codes, but Goodell says they are often not used. Goodell will coordinate with the Trails Committee on the cleanup and/or national trail day.

Murphy mentioned that she is GPS charting Dover's trail. Murphy will learn how to upload Exeter's trails into Trailfinder tomorrow. It would be great to upload Dover's trails to the app.

Question: Does the Trails Committee oversee the Community Trail or all? A: primarily the Community Trail. There are many other trails, including some with public access easements.

Cloitre mentioned it would be great to have the trails uploaded by Apple Harvest Day, and the subcommittee agreed.

6. New Business.

Project Criteria: Progress is being made on updating the form, and the links are available. Davidson was hoping to use one for a real world example. Davidson will send files to Goodell so we get a set of fresh eyes.

7. Enter non-public session – To report on the status of individual land protection efforts/transactions per RSA 91-A:3, Epstein made the motion and Cloitre seconded. Roll call vote: Unanimous

At 6:23 PM we entered non-public session. At 7:07 PM we reentered public session.

The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.