



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Conference Room – 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, July 5, 2007**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

In attendance: Anna Boudreau, Steve Bird, Ann Reid, Marcia Colbath, Cheryl Niles, John Scruton, Anne Kotlus, Tom Fargo, Dave Price

- 1) Approval of Minutes.
Anna Boudreau moved for approval of June 7, 2007 minutes. Second by Cheryl Niles. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Treasurer's Report.
Balance of the Conservation Fund as of May 31, 2007 was \$405,174.00.
- 3) Update on Public Projects.

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Tom Fargo and Marcia Colbath spoke with the developer Mike Garrapy who is proceeding through the process of developing the property as a 23-lot subdivision. The 23-lot subdivision would still require a conservation easement, but it wouldn't be as large as a previously described design alternative by Mr. Garrapy. The previously described design alternative would be a 3-lot subdivision with approximately 100 acres of conservation easement.

The city currently has a copy of an appraisal from Mr. Garrapy. The city will be getting its own appraisal this month and will give a copy of this appraisal to DOT for their review.

b. Hunt

Steve Bird spoke with the Natural Resource Conservation Service regarding an updated appraisal recently received from Vern Gardner. The closing of this property is scheduled for July 10, 2007, however it will likely be scheduled for later that week. OLC is still waiting for Federal (Washington, D.C.) review of the appraisal, title search and policies.

- 4) Reports by Tasks Groups.

EASEMENT MONITORING – Dave Price reported that the easement monitoring team conducted easement monitoring on the Murphy property on June 13, 2007. Anna Boudreau reported that the Browne property will be scheduled for monitoring in July 2007. An e-mail announcement will be sent out to OLC and Cons. Com. prior to the monitoring.

EASEMENT MONITORING- continued

Steve Bird asked if the McKenna property has ever been monitored. Mr. Bird stated that the house associated with the conservation land is for sale and he received a call from a citizen inquiring about the status of the conservation land. Tom Fargo stated that the city owns the conservation land under fee-simple ownership and is monitored by Steve Walker, NH Office



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of Energy and Planning. Mr. Fargo further stated that there has been some property line disputes that Attorney Alan Krans, City of Dover, is trying to resolve. It was noted that there is a gate and “no trespassing” signs on the conservation land. Marcia Colbath will discuss the gate and “no trespassing” signs with Doug Steele, Department of Public Works. Mr. Fargo stated that there were previous plans to construct a parking lot at this property.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION – Tom Fargo suggested changing the outreach and education materials that are currently on display within city hall with more current OLC projects. Anne Kotlus volunteered to work on a new display for city hall. Anna Boudreau and Dave Price will research easement monitoring files for current photographs that can be displayed.

Mr. Fargo reported that he is currently working with Strafford Regional Planning in developing a website on open spaces in Dover.

GRANT WRITING – Marcia Colbath is investigating grant writing projects for future conservation easement efforts.

TRAILS – No news.

- 5) Discussion on identifying future target projects and how they fit our goals in relation to the Master Plan.
Marcia Colbath stated that the OLC needs to incorporate the Master Plan when pursuing conservation easements in the future. Tom Fargo stated that there are still some large properties along the Bellamy River that should be investigated for potential conservation easements. Cheryl Niles suggested looking at properties from a regional perspective such as adjacent communities. Mr. Fargo stated that it may be possible for the OLC partner with adjacent communities such as Barrington, Madbury, and Durham. Steve Bird and Anna Boudreau suggested using the Dover tax maps with the current conservation easement lands to identify future projects. Marcia Colbath will schedule a meeting to look at Dover tax maps and discuss future conservation easement efforts.
- 6) New Business.
Marcia Colbath and Eric Kelsey (Energy Advisory Committee) met with Chris Parker, Director of Planning, on July 5, 2007 to discuss developing a community garden in Dover. Mr. Kelsey will develop a proposal and form a committee to explore the idea of a community garden in Dover. It was noted that the Cassily property may be a potential location for a community garden and the future location of the Farmer’s Market.
- 6) New Business - continued.
Marcia Colbath spoke with Doug Steele about maintaining the fields at the Cassily property. Ms. Colbath stated that Bob Sherwood mowed the field in 2006, however, there are large ruts within the field that is detrimental to field mowing equipment. Ms Colbath would like to explore having the city maintain the fields.



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- 7) Cheryl Niles motioned to enter into nonpublic session to discuss the status of individual land protection efforts/projects per RSA 91-A:3. Second by Anne Kotlus. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8) Steve Bird motioned to exit nonpublic session and seal the nonpublic minutes. Second by Anna Boudreau. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9) Steve Bird motioned to adjourn. Second by Anna Boudreau. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

July 2007 minutes respectfully submitted by Dave Price.