

**Open Lands Committee
Public Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2006
Council Chambers, Dover City Hall, 5:30 p.m.**

In attendance: Steve Bird, John Scruton, Anna Boudreau, Cheryl Niles, Dave Price, Anne Kotlus, Jan Gardner, Marcia Colbath, Dona Layton, Ann Reid, Geoffrey Njue.

Public: Jerimiah Rood from Foster's Daily Democrat.

1. Anna moved to accept the minutes, with amendments, of January 2006. 2nd by Ann. Motion passed, Jan Gardner and Geoffrey Njue abstaining.
2. Treasurer's Report: Steve Bird reported that as of December 31 the balance of the Conservation Fund was \$497,564.00. Of this amount, \$144,000 is in accounts receivable and \$380,640 in accounts payable.
3. Update on DOT Mitigation: The city is working with the DOT to make the agency's acceptance of Tuttle as its mitigation project in Dover the priority. DOT is trying to determine what portions of the Tuttle land meets their criteria. The city is working to finalize the details of the easement document with Mr. Tuttle and his attorney to delineate what parts of the parcel could be protected by what funding sources.
4. Council presentation update: The city council has asked the departments, boards, and commissions to update them on their functions, etc. in an educational presentation. OLC is presenting a handout to be given to councilors prior to the meeting. A handout is being prepared for the councilors. Anna suggested that we should make a point of emphasizing that land conservation is a voluntary process. The OLC will give its presentation to the council on February 15.
5. Reports by Task Groups:

EASEMENT MONITORING

No news. Dave will email OLC with announcements of future dates to monitor parcels.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION/GRANT WRITING

We are in need of volunteers to chair these task groups. Marcia will send an email soliciting for volunteers to fill these positions.

Anna proposed doing an easement monitoring workshop with Steve Walker. She will be in touch with Steve about scheduling him to give a talk in Dover.

TRAILS

Tom has been working on the easements for the lands in the trail project. There was a public information meeting on January 17 in which the Community Trail group presented its design proposal.

LAND ACTION

This group was formed to train OLC volunteers to work with landowners. Consider removing from agenda until a time when training begins again.

NEW BUSINESS

Anne K. made an announcement of an upcoming workshop in Concord. *Land Resource Management* on February 10. and again on March 22.

David Eisler has resigned his membership from the OLC. David's resignation leaves the position of secretary vacant.

Marcia stated that she is to become a member of the Planning Board, and in the event of a conflict of interest, she would have to resign from the OLC. City Attorney Alan Krans will offer a legal opinion on whether she can simultaneously serve on the Planning Board and the OLC.

6. Motion by Jan to go into non-public session to discuss individual land transactions, 2nd by Ann.
7. Anne motioned to approve February 2006 Non-public minutes as amended, 2nd by Jan. Passed, Jan Gardner and Geoffrey Njue abstaining.
8. Motion to adjourn by Anna, seconded by Jan. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.