



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 20, 2017**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Malone Cloitre (Acting Chair), Isaac Epstein, Grant Killian, Nicholas Kline, Kristen Murphy, Anne Kotlus, David Hurlburt, Brenda Davidson

Staff Present: Steve Bird

1. Roll Call Attendance

Cloitre called meeting to order at 5:45 and conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum.

2. Citizens Forum:

Cloitre: Four members went to Saving Special Places conference. Will be attending a 5/16 workshop on green infrastructure and coastal resilience at the Great Bay Discovery Center.

Boudreau sent an email about the conference: 1 on due diligence and title searches, which Dover already does. Went to a Land Conservation and Coastal Waters resources session to learn about identifying land conservation and water supplies. Also attended a session that was technical but had useful information. Cloitre met John Carroll who wrote a poignant letter about conservation that Cloitre passed around to the committee members. Also attended a session about recruiting and training volunteers to monitor easements, and a session about conservation in Northwood.

Kotlus went to a session with Tom Howe on updates on conservation easement deeds. Also went to a session about funding and grants. One of the presenters made a helpful two-page list of available conservation grants. Third session was on reading survey maps.

Murphy: Went to a session on Moose Mountain Regional Greenway and a session on appraisals.

3. Approval of minutes.

Kline wants to amend section 4 to "Kline asked whether the Open Lands Committee could sell easements to raise revenue".

Davidson made a motion to approve the minutes from 3/16/17, as amended Kotlus seconded. All approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bird reported the balance of the conservation fund as of 3/31/2017 was \$130,345.83. Receivables were \$2,083.95.

5. Public Projects:

Kline is doing the baseline report for Stern/Forbes. He was delayed by the April Fool's snow storm, but is working on the report now.

Bird explained the Stern/Forbes project to new members.

6. Reports by Task Groups

A. Easement Monitoring

Cloitre is now in charge of easement monitoring and now that it's spring we will ramp up our monitoring.

Bird: Monitored Cassily and submitted the required report to LCHIP. They sent us a \$200 check thanking us



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for responsible land management that was deposited in the conservation fund.

B. Outreach and Education

Murphy: We should start planning for a Bellamy Wildlife walk. Cloitre is thinking of working on a pollinators workshop with UNH Cooperative Ext.

Murphy did a presentation about the bird feeder project to the conservation commission, and hopes to repeat the project in the future.

Murphy wondered if we would be interested in sponsoring a rain barrel program. We would need a place for the barrels to be delivered.

Bird: The city did a similar program in the past. Bird is willing to work with community services to see if we could repeat the program. The city has requirements under MS4 requirements, so the city might well be interested in expanding rain barrel awareness and usage in Dover.

Bird: Malone will be on the climate adaptation master plan steering committee. Previously she worked to create community gardens, Americorps got involved, and there are now 2. There is a downtown cleanup on May 6.

C. Trails:

The Trail Committee met Tuesday night to meet with the consultants who are working on the trail expansion. Bryant Hardwick via email: "Things are moving forward as they should"

7. New Business: None

8. Old Business

Bird made some proposed changes and distributed a revised document. Members will review the changes and we will discuss at the May meeting. Contact Bird with any questions before then.

9. Enter Non-public Session

At 6:26, Epstein made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3. II(d), to report on the status of individual land protection efforts and transactions. Cloitre seconded. On a roll call vote, all approved.

Returned to public meeting at 7:04 pm.

Epstein made a motion to seal the non-public minutes per RSA 91-A:3. III, because the divulgence would render the proposed action ineffective, Kotlus seconded. All approved.

Cloitre mentioned that the committee will need a new secretary after Epstein leaves after the May meeting. Murphy volunteered.

Cloitre profusely praised and thanked Brenda Davidson for all of her great work on the OLC over the years. The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.