



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 26, 2017**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair), David Hurlbert, Grant Killian, Anne Kotlus, Nancy O'Connor, Ann Reid, Nick Shonka

Staff Present: Steve Bird

1. Roll Call Attendance

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

2. Citizens Forum:

Reid shared that Nov 18th the First Parish Church had their Annual Holiday Fair

3. Approval of minutes.

Killian made a motion to approve the minutes from 9/20/17, O'Connor seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bird reported the balance of the conservation fund as of 9/30/2017 was \$60,582.14 with the receivables at \$296.53. Bird shared a copy of the MS-1 form noting acreage and valuation statistics; among other details it was noted that there are 161 owners in Current Use.

5. Public Projects:

The donation of 4 acres on Spruce Lane (the "Mason Easement") has passed through City Council and the owner is working with their mortgage company on next steps.

6. Reports by Task Groups

A. Easement Monitoring

Boudreau: The Williams Easement was monitored; no concerns were found; the report has been filed completing this property for the year.

Boudreau shared that Murphy (absent) is finalizing reports from other recent monitoring efforts.

Boudreau will send an electronic list of properties remaining to be monitored this year in the hopes of getting more people involved. A paper copy was provided to the attendees.

B. Outreach and Education

Apple Harvest Day feedback was positive, but the group would like to find ways to engage visitors more next year. This could mean clearer messaging that is more accessible to the street, shifting the location of the booth to be further from the DJ, and not using animal pelts as part of the display.

Bird provided an update on the Climate Master Plan Workshop and encouraged everyone to complete the online survey.

C. Trails:



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Dover trail project work continues on schedule. The easement for 4th Street access is a common point of confusion in the community and a long term solution (easement, signage, etc.) is in the works.

7. **New Business:** None

8. **Old Business:** None

9. **Enter Non-public Session**

At 6:10, Boudreau 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. Hurlburt seconded. On roll call vote, all approved.

Returned to public session at 6:32.

Reid made a motion to seal the non-public minutes per RSA 91-A, III, because divulgence would render the proposed action ineffective. O'Connor seconded. All approved.

Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.