



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, 288 Central Ave., City Hall
Meeting Date: **Thursday, January 18, 2018**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair), Malone Cloitre, Anne Kotlus, Kristen Murphy, Grant Killian, Nancy O'Connor, Nick Shonka, Nicholas Kline

Staff Present: Steve Bird

1. Roll Call Attendance

Murphy (Vice Chair) called meeting to order at 5:37 and conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Boudreau (Chair) joined meeting in progress at 5:52.

2. Citizens Forum

Cloitre attended a Great Bay pollution and ground water session and offered to share materials with the committee. Cloitre also pointed out how the "Master Gardner" course coming up in March at the Urban Forestry Center in Portsmouth might be of interest. Murphy shared that a weekend Natural Resource Stewardship course is something to consider.

3. Approval of minutes

O'Connor motioned to approve the minutes from 12/7/17, Killian seconded. Vote: Unanimous. There was general consensus that the minutes from the previous meeting were some of the best ever.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bird reported the current balance of the conservation fund was \$100,149.49 with the receivables at \$12,682.47.

5. Public Projects

Nothing to report.

6. Reports by Task Groups

a. Easement Monitoring

Bird noted baseline documentation is done for the Forbes/Stern Easement, but with a change of ownership there needs to be a meeting to review the documents with the new owner.

Murphy asked about the Mason Easement status and Bird explained that it remains in progress with no new developments.

Cloitre raised a question about the Paolini Easement and the updated Forest Management Plan. Her concern was activities possibly inconsistent with the official agreement, or zoning rules. Cloitre may review the monitoring and discuss this with the appropriate parties after further consideration.

b. Outreach and Education

Murphy shared plans for the Friday March 2nd "Full Moon Snowshoe Hike" at 6:30 PM. We'll use a new location by the baseball park at Cassily. Murphy will draft and circulate flyers, but both she and Killian may not be able to attend due to travel plans. Boudreau and O'Connor agreed to fill in on March 2nd to provide leadership at the event. Ideas were suggested such as collaboration with the



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Dover Trails Committee and having hot chocolate at the site. Murphy is reaching out to the Dover Trails Committee on this topic.

Boudreau mentioned a connection she has regarding organizing a bird walk in concert with UNH Cooperative Extension; this may be another fun community event for the April/May timeframe.

c. Trails

Bird explained that the Dover Trails Committee is working on a mural project for the Silver St tunnel that will combat graffiti.

7. New Business

Boudreau pointed out starting on Feb 6th there's a series of information sessions regarding watersheds hosted by the Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) fund. In addition, Boudreau shared that May/June is when CIP process starts and she wants to encourage funding of the OLC through that channel. Dialog ensued over how much money to budget, and Boudreau agreed to research the topic further.

8. Old Business

Killian shared that he's setup a shared "Google Drive" just for OLC purposes and he'll email the account details to the committee members.

9. Enter Non-public Session

At 6:17, Murphy motioned to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(d), to report on the status of individual land protection efforts and transactions. Kline seconded. On roll call vote, all approved.

Returned to public session at 6:35.

Shonka 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 6:36 pm.