



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, February 15, 2018**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair), Malone Cloitre, Anne Kotlus, Kristen Murphy, Grant Killian, Ann Reid, Nick Shonka

Staff Present: Steve Bird

1. Roll Call Attendance

Boudreau (Chair) called meeting to order at 5:35 and conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum.

2. Citizens Forum

Cloitre is sending the committee information on an April 7th habitat conservation conference named Saving Special Places conference; it's an annual event in NH and could be a good learning and networking opportunity. Kotlus expressed interest in attending but prefers if a new member on the OLC attends.

Reid explained that an acapella group is performing on the 18th at 3 PM at 1st Parish Church in Dover.

3. Approval of minutes

Murphy motioned to approve the minutes from 1/18/18, Cloitre seconded. Vote: Unanimous. There was, again, consensus on how well the minutes from the previous meeting documented the event.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bird reported the current balance of the conservation fund as of Jan 31st 2018 was \$98,964.49 with the receivables at \$6,849.49.

5. Public Projects

Boudreau asked about the Mason Easement and Bird explained they're still waiting on the subordination of the mortgage. Boudreau clarified this would be an easement donation, "donating the development rights," but not donating ownership of the property.

6. Reports by Task Groups

a. Easement Monitoring

Boudreau observed that no monitoring work has been done in 2018 due to the weather conditions.

b. Outreach and Education

Murphy explained the plans for the Full Moon Snowshoe to take place at the Cassily Easement on the evening of Friday March 2nd. This event will be co-hosted by the Dover Community Trail Committee. There were several tasks assigned during this conversation including:

- Boudreau is meeting at Beckwith Park at 1:30 Friday Feb 23rd to meet with Andy Fast (a UNH Extension forester) to discuss plant species etc. – this may provide background for the event the following week
- Boudreau will put up signs the day of the event
- Murphy has already flagged the route with surveying tape; she and Boudreau walked the route the prior week. Boudreau will send a map of the trail for Bird to print copies of. Other member of the committee requested a copy of the electronic map, too.
- A couple days prior to March 2nd, Boudreau will make the determination on whether to cancel due to lack of snow. Murphy can update the Facebook page with any changes.



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- Bird confirmed with the director of Community Services that they can plow the parking area for the event, should the need arise.
 - Boudreau intends to be there whether if event is cancelled (in case people don't get the message)
 - Reid will provide hot chocolate with a thermos provided by Bird; Murphy can provide cups
 - Boudreau commented how this is conserved land that is open to the public, and that's a positive dimension to highlight as it's not always the case with land under conservation
 - Bird said approximately 15 people had contacted him about attending the Snowshoe event
 - Several committee members plan to be at the Snowshoe event, including O'Connor
- c. Trails
- In addition to the Snowshoe event, the committee discussed other potential activities such as a "birding walk" Boudreau described as a walk narrated by an expert birder (and Boudreau knows a UNH contact who does this type of work for a fee). Based on the estimates this contact provided, up to \$15/person, since we don't usually charge for our events, Boudreau didn't feel this was something we could do at this time and Bird summed it up well saying "it's probably not the best use of limited conservation funds."
 - Murphy contributed that she knows the "Durham Owl Prowl" leader and it maybe the OLC could partner with him in some capacity
 - Cloitre attended workshops at the Great Bay Discovery center and may have some local events we can bring to Dover – she's going to review her notes and report back to the committee
 - In light of the new dock Dover is putting in on the Cochecho waterfront this May, Cloitre suggested the group consider organizing a kayak trip. Kotlus suggested the kayak effort be combined with a coastal clean-up. The committee discussed the timing for a kayak trip, with suggestions ranging from the Summer into September.

7. New Business

Boudreau shared background on the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) and a strategy to secure supplemental funding for conservation activities through the Dover CIP in 2018. Boudreau, Murphy and Bird met with Chris Parker today to discuss strategies to build support and analyze current revenue trends.

8. Old Business

Bird reminded the group that Killian shared via email the details for the "Google Drive" just for OLC purposes.

9. Enter Non-public Session

At 6:20, Cloitre 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. Shonka seconded. On roll call vote, all approved.

Returned to public session at 6:47.

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

Boudreau declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.