



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, July 19, 2018**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair), Malone Cloitre, Nicholas Kline, Anne Kotlus, Kristen Murphy (Vice Chair), Nancy O'Connor, Nick Shonka, Bruce Batchelder, Nabia Fortier

Staff Present: Steve Bird

1. Roll Call Attendance

Boudreau called meeting to order at 5:32 and conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum. Two new members were in attendance, Nabia Fortier and Bruce Batchelder.

2. Citizens Forum

None

3. Approval of minutes

Murphy motioned to approve the minutes from May. Cloitre seconded. Vote: 8 in favor, Boudreau abstains.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bird reported the balance as of June 30st, 2018 of the conservation fund was \$109,763.31 with the receivables at \$70.50. The balance is down due to the payment of \$75,000 to General Fund.

5. Public Projects

Bird explained that the Dot Chorlian-Mason easement donation has finalized and a press release should be prepared. Bird agreed to send an example to Kotlus who volunteered to write it up.

6. Reports By Task Group

a. Easement Monitoring

No monitoring has been done in recent weeks due to a very high tick presence. Members discussed past monitoring and follow up. Shonka reminded us to get permission from landowners before posting any boundary markers.

- Willows - Foot paths are confusing and not well marked near the river - Nick S.
- Old Factory development signage needed?
- Allen/Forbes- Trash in the water, Left over by the farm?- Great idea to take trash bags while monitoring
- Use new version of monitoring report. Boudreau has sent out and it is in the google drive - old PDF version deleted
- Truax (Day/Provencher) - New owners - need to meet Boudreau and Bird will organize.

Steve Bird showed members new vests, marking tape, and bug spray which have been purchased by the Planning Department for those going out to monitor.

Monitoring will pick back up in the fall.

b. Outreach & Education

Apple Harvest Day – Members discussed the benefits of having a booth at the festival and whether it is an effective outreach tool. Bird announced that the Planning Department is going



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to have a booth and that it would be possible to have a section of that booth for a map or other materials if the committee prefers that option. Some updates to committee materials were discussed and a sub committee was formed to work on design/content of maps and materials (Murphy, Kotlus, Shonka)

Cloitre made a motion to approve taking a break from having a booth at AHD and have handouts and maps instead at the Planning Department booth, O' Connor seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Cochecho River Kayak Trip- Cloitre & Murphy - Sept 16th- Time: 2:30- 5:00 – Because of the tide schedules, we can't have a rain date for this event. Go out and come back with the tide about an hour and 15 and come back. Estuary Week, will have a guide to detail it. Use the kayak launch. For event, a waiver will be provided to sign. Should provide clean up bags.

Cochecho River Advisory committee resurrected, led by Jay Aube - Lorie Chase, former coordinator of the Cochecho River Watershed Coalition (CRWC) donated some maps to Boudreau for safekeeping in the hopes that we can get them properly framed and donate them to the appropriate group, to be determined at a later date. Bird indicated that the Planning Dept. has a large scanner so that we can scan them first. Boudreau will research costs to preserve and frame them properly. The maps were created in 1979 and are very special.

c. Trails

- Trails Committee had nothing new to report for this month.

7. New Business

Community garden - Working with the UNH Extension Master Gardeners program, Malone wants to evaluate having a Community Garden on the Cassily easement property

8. Old Business

Nothing new to report

9. Enter Non-public Session

Kotlus 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. Cloitre seconded. On roll call vote, all approved.

Returned to public session.

Kline 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.