



CITY OF DOVER

OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, 288 Central Avenue
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, May 21, 2019**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Anna Boudreau (Chair), Isaac Epstein (Secretary), Bruce Batchelder, Nancy O'Connor, Nabia Fortier, Nick Kline

Absent (Excused): Kristen Murphy (Vice Chair), Anne Kotlus, Ann Reid, Malone Cloitre

Absent (Un-excused):

Staff Present: Steve Bird

1. Roll Call Attendance

Boudreau called meeting to order at 5:35. Roll call was done and confirmed a quorum.

2. Citizens Forum

O'Connor: State is doing a challenge to bike/walk to work. There is a Tricity competition in the works. Main goal is to get people to find alternative transportation for commuting. O'Connor shared the flyer with the committee.

3. Approval of Minutes for March 21, 2019

Epstein motioned to approve the previous minutes and O'Connor seconded. All approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bird reported that the Conservation Fund as of 4/30/19 was \$685,858.09 with the receivables at \$343,048.50. A number of bills have gone out to developers with TDRs but they will probably not pay until the last minute. Boudreau asked Bird if we could ask the finance people could start tracking amount received so far.

5. Public Projects

Nothing to discuss

6. Reports by Task Groups

a. Easement Monitoring

Sixth Street Station: Bird and Epstein did it, which is part of the community trail. The trail committee is working on improving it and getting an easement from the oil company.

They also did the Watson Parcel, a city owned-parcel from a deed in 1995. The Forest Management committee is looking at doing a forest management plan, maybe a timber harvest, to generate revenue and to enhance habitat.

Forbes-Parks-Paolini: O'Connor, Boudreau and Batchelder did this parcel. They have blue flags up for a new forest management plan that he has yet to present to the Conservation Commission. O'Connor asked if the vernal pools might be an educational opportunity.

Goldberg-Wyndbrook: Bird monitored with Batchelder. The developer donated a conservation easement to the city. HOA members went on the easement, and Bird suggested to them that they develop recreational facilities (fields). Found a treehouse, and the homeowner near it said that it wasn't theirs, and the HOA is looking into it. The deed specifically said that there are to be no structures.

Harry parcel was also done. No issues, close to the Gabriel-Bagdon parcel with connectivity.

O'Connor suggested that people bring trash bags.



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Conservation Commission is going to monitor the Washington Highlands easement. The Commission does it every year because of the small lot sizes and residents tend to use conservation land as lawns. The easement suggested but did not require a management plan, but they have developed a plan which the Conservation Commission approved three years ago. The HOA has not updated the Conservation Commission about it.

Other properties to be monitored: Waldron Falls/Doug Dodd on Cardinal Drive. Murphy-Ridgeway Stables on County Farm Cross Road. Day-Truax. Stern, both original and new - Stern recently got approval for a forest management plan. Should we do the monitoring before the logging?

We'll exchange some emails and do another round of monitoring in June.

- b. Outreach and Education Discussion on Ecological Landscaping Clinic Offer from Leslie Herd – Nancy O'Connor (10 minutes)

Last week we heard from Leslie Herd about a plan for an education and outreach event on her property (Riverside Gardens) to educate the public about invasive species, native pollinators, etc. Planning for June of 2020. She sent Boudreau an email with her notes from the meeting. We agreed to spend this year working on preparing for this event, and hopefully more down the line.

- c. Community Trail (5 minutes)

7. New Business

A. Community Trail Cleanup Day – Saturday, June 1st 10:00 AM to Noon – Cosponsor with Community Trail Advisory Committee. Bird passed out flyers for the cleanup on the Cassily parcel. Bird asked for another volunteer to be a team leader. Fortier agreed, but asked about a rainday.

8. Old Business

A. Discussion on Incorporating Climate Adaptation into OLC Parcel Evaluation Criteria

Without objection, the chair decided to skip item 8 in the interest of time.

9. Enter Non-public Session

At 6:15 PM, Epstein 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. Fortier seconded. On roll call vote, all approved.

Returned to public session at 6:30 PM.

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

10. Confirm Next Meeting

Boudreau will send out a doodle poll - looking between June 13 and June 20.

11. Adjourn

The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:36.