

## Dover Open Space Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

**Attendees:** Amey Moot (Chair), Henry Faulkner, Boynton Glidden, Connie Sullivan, Greg Kahoun, Val Lin, Carol Lisbon (Planning Board), Christy Violin (Conservation Commission),

**Absent:** Tara Nolan, Jerry Arnold (Liaison, Long Range Planning), John Jeffries (Liaison, Board of Selectmen), Mark Adamczyk, Justine Kent-Uritam

I. Approval of the Minutes – March minutes will be approved at May meeting.

II. Updates from Relevant Boards, if any:

A) Open Space Committee –

- 1) Public Walks – Amey – Vernal Pool walk 4/2, Powisset-Hale (south) 4/8  
Thanks went out to Boynton for another successful Vernal Pool Walk with Paul McManus.  
Amey has reached out the Fun 50+ MeetUp group that was dominating the signups for the April 8<sup>th</sup> walk to let them know that the walk isn't really a "Fun50+" event.  
May walk will be in Hale (Hale North).
- 2) The Trustees [of Reservations] – Amey – nothing of note  
Amey attended Mass Land Trust Alliance conference (Trustees are key sponsor & participant). There was a lot of info about combining affordable housing and open space preservation.
- 3) Dover Land Conservation Trust (DLCT) – Henry/Mark  
Nothing from Henry (DLCT)
- 4) Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust (UCCLT) – Justine – not present
- 5) Mass Audubon (MAS) – Broadmoor – Mark – not present
- 6) Elm Bank – MA Horticultural – gardens open – Tulip Mania (50K bulbs!)  
Tulips should 'pop' around 4/14. There is a reservation system for visiting the garden and it's recommended to use it for weekend visits.
- 7) Hale – CR and Outreach & Education – John/Amey  
The ad hoc task force, primarily the Trustees at present, is working on more FAQs and getting buy-in from Dover/Westwood authorities. Carol mentioned a discussion with citizen who questioned 'how Hale can sell land for development when the land is not zoned for it?' Amey responded that MassMapper shows Hale as R2 (not O). Courtney had looked into this and it is not a hinderance to subdivision but we do not remember the rationale. Also, 40B would trump the local zoning anyway. Amey said there's ~100 acres in Dover south & contiguous to Powisset St is not wet, in response to some inquiries regarding the feasibility of developing the land.

Hale is also doing 'house parties' or 'coffees' to present information regarding the project. The private campaign has raised almost \$21M! (their current endowment is <2M).

More discussion followed about questions, for example:

- What *exactly* will be the impact on Dover if this doesn't pass?

Carol stressed the importance of having an answer for *every* question that may come up.

- 8) Norfolk Hunt Club (NHC) – Amey –  
NHC Clean-up Day April 1<sup>st</sup> cleanup moved to 4/8 at steeplechase course.
  
- B) Conservation Commission – Christy
  - 1) Land Management working group –
    - a) Trails – mapping, signs & regulations – Greg  
Greg gave an update on the shape of trails in Centre St. Cons. Corridor and Snow's Hill. Recent heavy rains on dry soil have led to erosion on some trails.
    - b) Other
  
- C) Planning Board – Carol/Val
  - 1) Tree Preservation Committee – Boynton/Val  
1<sup>st</sup> meeting was well attended, 2<sup>nd</sup> not as well, a report from the Conway School is coming.  
Greg mentioned he's seen a couple of small groves of Bamboo trees and asked if that has been brought up as part of the committee's work.
  - 2) Trail Easement
  - 3) Other  
Town has started searching for a new town planner
  
- D) Parks and Recreation – Val – no new news
  
- E) Board of Selectmen – John – not present
  - 1) 'Water' committee – Water System Sustainability Plan –  
Amey mentioned that the dry stream issue raised by Jerry Arnold has essentially been resolved (it started running two weeks later)  
Carol mentioned that the BOS seems about to accept the final report from CDM Smith, the consultants they hired to look into water sustainability.
  - 2) Drought Management Task Force (Justine) – not present
  - 3) Recreational trail – Val
  - 4) Caryl Community Center – 4/19 bids due, 4/27 BOS to approve, 6/3 STM
  - 5) Other – Troutbrook & Edgewater potential 40B

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