

DOVER OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
VIA ZOOM 7:30 P.M.

Attendees: Amey Moot (Chair), Mark Adameczyk, Rick Nagy, Boynton Glidden, Tara Nolan, Henry Faulkner, Greg Kahoun, Carol Lisbon (Planning Board) Justine Kent-Uritam and Connie Sullivan. Also attending were Jasmin Farinacci, Town Planner as well as Amira Quraishi from Conservation Commission.

Absent: John Jeffries (Liaison, Board of Selectmen), Jerry Arnold (Liaison, Long Range Planning),

I. General Matters

On a motion made and seconded the minutes of the June 6th at Powisset were approved, with Mark and Justine abstaining.

Rick Nagy, a new member joining to fill Val Lin's unexpired term was introduced. Rick has been active in using open space in Dover and has worked with Greg on the trails. He also has a sister in town, Anna, who is a member of the Conservation Commission. The Committee welcomed Rick.

II. Dover Days Booth

There was discussion of the upcoming Dover Days Fair. This year both Hale and Trustees will have their own booths. OSC can also echo the message on supporting the Hale opportunity. Amey has arranged for and/or gathered other information to provide regarding OSC Saturday Strolls, NHC polo etc., as well as mosquito spraying and DLCT Springdale Fest. OSC members volunteered to help set-up, attend and dismantle the booth.

III. Updates from Relevant Boards

- Open Space:
 - OSC has several upcoming walks including: Larrabee-Hale, Caryl-Noanet-Hale, and, Powisset Peak which Rick is leading. Volunteers were set-up for the walks. In lieu of a walk, there will be a Hale info session at Powisset.
 - Hale CR - There was discussion of the Hale process, timing and deal terms. There was general consternation that the deal terms remain confidential and accordingly we are not in a position to build support for the undertaking and the expense when are not able to explain the deal terms to voters. Justine commented that Trustees would be a better counter-party for Hale than Dover. She noted that the Trustees 990 indicates that they have approximately \$250 million in liquid assets. Amey noted that there are tangible benefits to Dover including permanently guaranteed access to the trail network that people currently use as a privilege. Carol said that Westwood doesn't want to release its CR and because the documents (Dover CR and Westwood CR) are so similar Westwood does not want Dover to release terms to the public. There is a fair amount of frustration all around with the delay. Everyone understands the need for people to be able to review the document in order to garner support. There was discussion about possible dates for a Town Meeting, deadlines with Hale and timeline for building support.
 - Trustees has a new CEO, Katie Theoharides, former Secretary of the Environment under Governor Baker.
 - DLCT is working on the Springdale Field Fest and Henry noted that a property owner on Wilsondale is donating some land to Hale.
 - Audubon – Mark updated the Committee about the hiring of Jocelyn Forbush as Chief Conservation Officer, there are some wine and wildlife events planned and the organization continues to wrestle with rebranding to step away from the personal history of John James Audubon.
 - Upper Charles Land Conservation Trust – Tara noted that the Millborn preservation initiative by the Trustees was discussed at length, UCCLT will be donating to and

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- supporting that effort. Also, under discussion were 40B developments in various towns and UCCLT members inquired about the status of Dover's rail trail initiative.
- NHC has several upcoming events including the polo benefit to support open space.
 - Planning Board – Carol Lisbon welcomed Jasmin Farinacci, who was attending the meeting. She has joined the town as full time Town Planner bringing a lot of experience from her work in Lancaster. She is a welcome and much needed addition to the Town.
 - Carol said the Val Lin is doing great work with Kevin McCabe on the storm water bylaw and its linkage with tree preservation. Boynton noted a group of large landowners selling carbon off sets and wondered if that may be a possibility in Dover.
 - Town Center will be discussed Monday with a focus on bylaws and architectural guidelines.
 - Carol also noted that housing issues have come “full force” to Dover of late. A seventeen (17) acre parcel between DSHS and Medfield has been optioned by a developer. The parcel backs up to the Evergreen neighborhood in Medfield. The parcel has significant wetlands and will require reviews. The developer has asked the Medfield Selectmen to provide water and sewer. Carol also informed the Committee that the potential 40B on Troutbrook will go before the ZBA on September 12th at 7:00 PM. Another potential 40B development has been proposed through conversion of the single-family home at 81 Tisdale.
 - Conservation Commission at its meeting on the 13th at 7:30 will discuss the ANRAD for the 17 acre parcel.
 - Park and Recreation – There has been some discussion about Park and Rec taking the lead within the town in pursuing a rail trail project once the Town has the time and bandwidth to turn its attention to that effort.
 - Selectmen
 - Water Issues / Drought – Justine is now the liaison with the Drought Management Task force. Tentatively, the wet summer has delayed some of the need. However, it is important to have someone attend the “data-rich” meetings that provide information forecast etc. and communicate that to the town. Justine will attend the meeting and send a memo summarizing key information and initiatives to both the Selectmen and Kevin McCabe. Kevin has been charged with enforcement responsibility.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara L Nolan