

# DOVER

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*Land Use Reports*

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2017



## *Report of the* **Planning Board**

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Mark Sarro, Chairman  
Carol Chirico  
Henry Faulkner  
Carol Lisbon  
Jody Shue  
Tara Nolan, Associate Member

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The Planning Board is composed of five elected full members and an elected associate member. Its duties are enumerated in various state laws (e.g., Massachusetts General Laws [MGL], Chapters 40A and 41) and the Town of Dover Zoning Bylaws (e.g., Chapter 185, Zoning Bylaws). Consulting Planner Gino Carlucci and part-time Planning Assistant Susan Hall work at the Board's direction.

Planning Board members also serve on the Open Space Committee and Long Range Planning Committee, and they attend the meetings of, and work closely with, other Town boards and committees, including the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and ad-hoc committees relating to zoning issues.

Each full member of the Board serves a five-year term. The associate member serves a two-year term. Midterm vacancies on the Board are filled by appointment by the remaining Board members and the Selectmen until the next election, at which time the newly elected member serves for the remainder of the term. In 2017, three members were elected to the Board: Carol Chirico was elected to a five-year term; Jody Shue was elected to fill the remaining year of the term to which she was appointed in 2016; and Tara Nolan was elected to the two-year associate position.

In 2017, the Board held 16 public meetings on a wide range of issues:

Pursuant to state law, the Board governs the local subdivision process. A subdivision can be approved only after the Board conducts a public hearing and makes detailed findings. In 2017, there was one modification to a subdivision, but no new subdivisions were proposed.

The Board conducts site plan review of proposed as-of-right uses before the Town issues a building permit. The review process regulates permitted uses by imposing conditions, limitations, and safeguards to ensure compliance with the terms of the Board's approval. The process allows for public input and consideration of factors such as public safety and potential impacts on existing structures, open space, and Town resources. In 2017, the Board conducted site plan review of two proposals: a squash/basketball court at 27 Dover Road and a permanent pavilion at 38 Main Street.

Recent site plan review hearings have highlighted the need to update Dover's bylaws and regulations to anticipate and accommodate future growth in a manner consistent with the Town's rural character, especially in the nonresidential districts in the center of Town. The Planning Board continues to consider further zoning changes to preserve the "small town" feel of the Town Center.

The Board reviews sign applications and issues permits for signs. The number and nature of signs are of particular importance in preserving the Town's rural character. In 2017, the Board considered three sign applications and issued three sign permits. The May 2017 Annual Town Meeting approved an updated sign bylaw proposed by the Planning Board. For consistency with the new sign bylaw, the Planning Board held a public hearing on, and ultimately approved, updates to the corresponding regulations on signs (Chapter 185-35 of the Town of Dover Zoning Bylaws).

The Board also has jurisdiction over the Town's 27 designated Scenic Roads. Pursuant to state and local laws, a person must obtain permission from the Planning Board, after a public hearing, before altering any trees or stone walls within a Scenic Road right-of-way. In 2017, the Board considered two such applications and fielded several other informal inquiries.

Under the state ANR (approval not required) process, the Board has the authority to endorse property owners' plans to create new lots on existing roads if the resulting lots comply with local zoning dimensional requirements and have adequate access. In 2017, the Board endorsed four ANR plans. Given the interest of nearby property owners in proposed ANRs, the Board considered the logistics of an informal notification process for abutters. In 2017, the Board continued its practice of notifying abutters of ANR applications.

The Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority for personal wireless service facilities, off-street recreational parking in a residential district, and new or altered buildings or structures in the business, medical-professional, and manufacturing districts of Dover. No special permits were requested in 2017. However, the Board discussed the need to update the Town's 20-year-old bylaw on personal wireless service facilities (Chapter 185-46 of the Town of Dover Zoning Bylaws).

As a designated Green Community, Dover is now eligible for state funding of capital projects that promote energy efficiency. In 2017, Dover was awarded a grant of \$137,145 that, along with a \$50,000 appropriation at the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting and utility company incentives, funded the replacement of nearly all interior and exterior lights at the following Town buildings with LEDs: Chickering Elementary School, Dover Town Library, the Protective Agencies Building, and the Dover-Sherborn Regional School buildings. The resulting energy savings will pay for the projects within two years, with virtually immediate cost savings to the Town, since most of the funding is from a grant. The Board and Mr. Carlucci remain actively involved in the Town's Green Community activities.

In 2017, the Board continued to advise the Board of Selectmen on the potential uses and configuration of Springdale Farm (46 Springdale Avenue). Specifically, the Board and Mr. Carlucci drafted plans of the property showing alternative access to the front lot and adjacent open space. Board members also participated in the Springdale Working Group, an ad-hoc committee convened by the Selectmen to develop the specifics of their proposal for the property at the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting, which approved the proposal to sell the approximately 4.5-acre house lot and place a permanent conservation restriction on the remaining parcel.

In the past, the Board has proposed bylaw revisions to create permanently protected open space in exchange for some flexibility, by special permit, in the dimensional requirements of existing zoning bylaws. Its proposals received a strong majority of votes at three Annual Town Meetings (2006–08) but fell just short of the two-thirds majority vote required to pass. The Board continues to believe that the Town's zoning bylaws could better preserve open space and Dover's natural resources, such as water quantity and quality, and wildlife. Motivated in part by the discussion of Springdale Farm, in 2017 the Board, at the urging of the Long Range Planning Committee, renewed an active discussion of open-space, low-impact zoning alternatives as a possible warrant article for the May 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

Finally, in 2017, the Board continued to pursue the implementation of the recommendations listed in Section IX of Dover's Master Plan, last adopted in 2012. The Master Plan and related documentation can be found on the Planning Board's Web page on the Town of Dover website ([www.doverma.org](http://www.doverma.org)). The Master Plan is updated from time to time, and may be updated again in the near future.



*Photo by Judy Ballantine.*

# Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

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R. Alan Fryer, Chairman

Tobe Deutschmann

LaVerne A. Lovell

Michael Donovan, Associate Member

H. Hamilton Hackney, Associate Member

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The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has jurisdiction over appeals from rulings of administrative officials of the Town made under the Zoning Bylaw or, if specifically required or allowed under the Bylaw, upon direct application under the Zoning Bylaw or Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 40A. Depending upon the zoning district, certain uses of property also require prior approval of the ZBA. The ZBA has authority to grant a variance from the terms of the Zoning Bylaw under certain limited circumstances, and it also has jurisdiction to hear cases involving Special Permit requests and requests for Comprehensive Permits under MGL, Chapter 40B. Additionally, the Zoning Bylaw requires ZBA review of additional construction on land where existing structures or uses, due to changes in the Zoning Bylaw, have become non-conforming. While such structures or uses may remain in their current state, any alteration, addition, or expansion on the property requires ZBA approval. The ZBA is also responsible for reviewing and acting upon requests for approval of alteration or construction within 150 feet of specified water bodies in Dover, most notably the Charles River.

The ZBA follows procedures designed to hear the concerns of all potentially interested parties and to consider whether the relief requested is appropriate under the Zoning Bylaw. Most applications to the ZBA are required to start at the Building Department, with a review of the proposed activity under the Zoning Bylaw and a written denial of the proposed activity from the Building Inspector, before the ZBA may consider an application. The ZBA acts on an application only after holding a public hearing, a notice of which must first be posted in the Town House, published in a local newspaper, and sent by mail to the applicants and other interested parties, as defined by law, including to the abutters of the property in question. Any interested party, whether or not entitled to receive notice of the hearing, may appear at the hearing and be heard. Evidence on the application continues to be received by the ZBA until the hearing is closed. Once the ZBA reaches a decision on an application, a decision is written and filed with the Town Clerk.

Notice of the decision is given to the persons entitled to notice of the hearing, and the ZBA's decision becomes final after the legally prescribed appeal period, provided no appeal is taken.

During 2017, the Board received two applications. The Board also welcomed Hamilton Hackney as an associate member.

Copies of the Zoning Bylaw and also of the ZBA's governing rules are available from the Town Clerk.



*Fourth of July mow, Pine Street. Photo by Boynton Glidden.*

Report of the  
**Highway Department**

Craig S. Hughes, Superintendent of Streets

**Maintenance**

In 2017, berm was installed to control water runoff on the following streets: Main Street, Riga Road, Walpole Street, Glen Street, and Greystone Road. We continue to clean catch basins twice a year as required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Guardrail was installed Farm Street as part of our continued replacement program. Approximately 1,500 yards of leaves were composted, and the finished product was spread on Claybrook Road, Powissett Street, and island at Cross and Willow Streets, as well as made available to Dover residents. We again contracted out the painting of 600,000 feet of traffic markings, crosswalks, and stop bars. Eight catch basins were rebuilt.

**Tarvia**

In accordance with our five-year pavement plan, we applied 3,500 tons of asphalt to the following streets: Strawberry Hill Street, Meadowbrook Road, and Beldon Road. We also assisted in the paving of the parking lot at the Caryl Community Center and Whiting Road building.

**Solid Waste (Transfer Station)**

Residents threw away 1,327 tons of solid waste that was transported mainly by the Highway Department personnel in 149 trips to Wheelabrator Millbury, Inc. This is 594 fewer tons than last year! We also paid \$36,501 less than we did last year. Please refer to the report of the Recycling Committee (page 197) for a report of the tons of recyclables collected and the many changes made how materials are now collected.

Wade Hayes and Bill Martin are our very competent operators at the Transfer Station, and we are fortunate to have them. Wade has been with us for 24 years and Bill is beginning his first year.

**Solid Waste Tonnage to Millbury**

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
2,164	2,079	2,095	2,123	2,128	1,921	1,327

**Per-Ton Tipping Fee (\$)**

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
70.87/	72.48/	74.01/	74.81/	64.00/	64.00/	66.00/
72.48	74.01	74.81	75.66	64.00	66.00	67.17

**Cost for Solid Waste Disposal at Wheelabrator (\$)**

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
155,187	152,336	155,911	159,749	136,216	124,832	88,331

**Streetlights**

The Town continues to own and maintain 67 overhead streetlights. We replaced two of the traffic signals in the Town Center and replaced them with more efficient LED lamps.

**State Aid (Chapter 90)**

Using state-aid funds from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, we were able to resurface Walpole Street at a cost of \$296,000.

**Snow and Ice**

Winter 2016–17 was relatively active with 21 responses to snow or ice. The following log represents our responses to the season, which brought us 66 inches of snow.

Date	Snow/Ice	Inches	Equipment Used
December 2016			
5	Ice	0.5	Sanders
12	Snow	2.0	Sanders
17	Snow	5.0	Sanders
18	Ice		Sanders
January 2017			
7–8	Snow	10.0	Sanders/Plows
10	Ice		Sanders
17	Ice		Sanders
31	Snow	3.0	Sanders
February			
1	Snow/Ice	1.0	Sanders
7	Snow	1.5	Sanders
9	Snow	1.0	Sanders
10	Snow	14.0	Sanders/Plows
11	Snow	3.0	Sanders/Plows
12	Snow	8.0	Sanders/Plows
13	Ice		Sanders
15	Snow	3.0	Sanders/Plows
March			
10	Snow	2.0	Sanders
14	Snow	10.0	Sanders/Plows
15	Ice		Sanders
31	Ice		Sanders
April			
1	Snow	2.0	Sanders

## Garage Operation

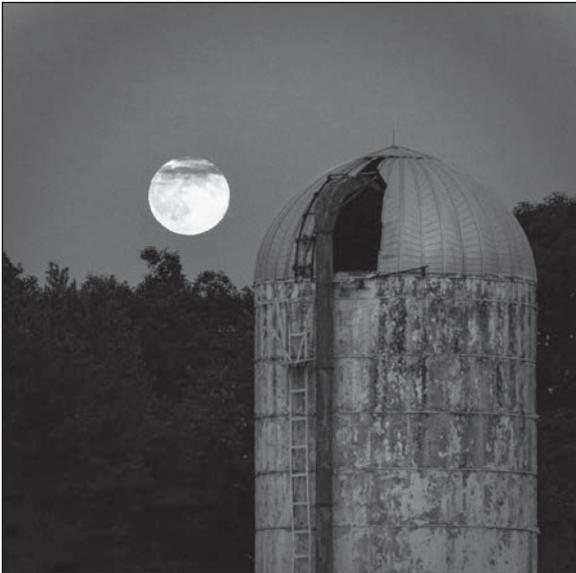
The Town Garage was built in 1998 and continues to serve the Town well. It is occupied by not only the Highway Department but also the Cemetery Commission, the Town Engineer, and the Web Coordinator. Space is also given to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Water Department. Karl Warnick and his staff, including Brad Crosby and Don Fisler, keep the building in excellent shape. We completed the interior painting of the building.

I thank my personnel and the Parks and Recreation and Cemetery Departments for another year of good work and cooperation between the departments.

## Appreciation

Finally, I would like to recognize the boards and committees for their support and time. I would also like to thank the many groups who donate their time and materials to maintaining the various landscape islands throughout the Town: Chicatabot Garden Club, The Garden Continuum, Strawberry Hill Landscaping, and Betty Brady.

I would like to thank an outstanding employee, Robert Morrissey, for his years of service and wish him well in his future endeavors. David MacTavish retired this year, and I thank him for the positive interactions we had between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Highway Department.



*Powisset moonrise. Photo by Mark Rast.*

## Report of the Parks and Recreation Commission

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Chris Boland, Chairman

Eric Loeffler, Treasurer

Valerie Lin, Secretary

Jen Daman

Peter Davies

Dave MacTavish, Director, Parks and Recreation (retired July 1, 2017)

Mark Ghiloni, Director, Parks and Recreation (as of July 1, 2017)

Nicole DiCicco, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation

Amy Caffrey, Programming Assistant

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The Parks and Recreation Department and its supervising Commission (collectively, P&R) are committed to providing residents of all ages positive recreational experiences through a variety of high-quality programs, activities, and services under the direction of a professional and dedicated staff that is responsive to the changing needs of the community. We are committed to preserving and protecting the natural resources and parkland while improving and enhancing all opportunities for future generations. Our recreational and athletic programs continue to benefit from public, private, and volunteer partnerships. Parental involvement and volunteerism are essential to sustaining our programs, as is collaboration from other Town departments. We thank everyone who assisted us throughout the past year.

Many of our athletic programs were offered in conjunction with the Town of Sherborn's Recreation Commission, Dover-Sherborn Club teams, and the Dover-Sherborn Regional District. Such partnerships greatly benefit our programs as they allow our two towns to share facilities and costs and also enable our children to enjoy better instruction and competition in a collaborative community setting. We welcome these relationships and are grateful that Dover and Sherborn share common recreation goals and ideals.

**Program Growth:** In 2017, P&R added several new programs to its ongoing offerings, including Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, the Powisset Farm to Table series, as well as lesson courses Indoor Tennis and Ice Skating at the Boch Ice Center in Dedham, MA. Alongside these newly added programs, many current programs remain popular. We continue to partner with the Council on Aging to offer Zumba Gold classes on Saturday mornings and our newest addition of Pickleball, which takes place in the Caryl Community Center gym on Monday mornings. We hope to introduce additional programs to support the recreational needs of various age groups.

## Spring Season Program Highlights

**Outdoor Movie:** On May 6, 2017, families gathered on the Town House lawn with their blankets to enjoy our fourth-annual outdoor movie, *The Secret Life of Pets*. All the families enjoyed this great community event.

**Eliot Hodgkins Fishing Derby:** The Annual Fishing Derby at Channing Pond was held on April 9, 2017. We had great weather for this anticipated rite of spring and look forward to continuing the tradition in 2018.

**Coach Pete's Sports Programs:** In 2017, Peter (Coach Pete) Sylvester continued to offer his popular programs, including baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and spring flag football, with more than 150 participants enjoying these spring classes.

**Baseball:** Dover-Sherborn Youth Baseball and Softball Club (DSYBS) enjoyed another fun season of instruction and competition. More than 250 boys in grades 1–6 participated in the program. In addition, Dover-Sherborn entered two teams in the Babe Ruth Tri-Valley League to accommodate more than 30 players in grades 7–9 (boys). Thank you to Jay Gately, Mike Gilio, and John Forman for overseeing the baseball program.

**Softball:** Close to 20 girls in grades 1–8 competed in the Tri-Valley Softball League, many of whom continued playing throughout the summer, experiencing the fun and excitement of tournament play. We thank Deepika Bhayana for overseeing this softball program.

**PROformance Soccer:** Miles Alden Dunn continued to offer this spring soccer program, allowing participants to learn and improve their soccer skills. A big group of 25 kids participated in the session, which will be offered again in the fall and winter.

**Adult Exercise Classes:** Ellen O'Hara and Pam Herbert of Core Asset Fitness continued to offer popular adult exercise classes at the Caryl Community Center that included cardio strength training, boot camp, and mat Pilates, and which had more than 25 participants in the spring session.

**Tennis:** Instructed by Peter Cooper, the tennis program ran from April through October, with lessons held at the Caryl Park courts. More than 65 children and adults participated in early spring lessons. We also saw an increase in summer participation, with the enrollment of 130 children and adults. We concluded the season with more than 47 participants in the fall program.

**Fencing:** We were excited to welcome back fencing classes in the spring for six children, but unfortunately had to stop the program for the remainder of the year when our instructor welcomed a family of her own. We hope that after a short hiatus she will be back with us in 2018.

**Tae Kwon Do:** More than 45 participants enrolled in the 2017 session of this popular year-round program. Master Jean Theodat, a former World Karate Championship competitor and sixth-degree black belt, accompanied many of his students to local competitions, where they demonstrated proficiency and mastery. In addition, many students earned place recognitions.

**Safety Courses:** Home Alone Safety and babysitting courses were offered during the spring and fall through P&R, and more than 21 participants took part in the classes. Unfortunately, Adult CPR and First Aid could not run due to low enrollment. We will continue to offer safety classes with the hope that more participants take advantage of such beneficial programs.

## Summer Season Program Highlights

**Summer Playground Program:** This popular long-running program for children in grades K–5 is offered at Chickering School weekday mornings for five weeks every summer. An extended-day option is available Monday through Thursday 12–2 p.m. On-site performers and activities were enjoyed by more than 175 participants. More than a dozen high school and college students served as counselors, and daily activities were planned and managed by adult supervisors.

**Summer Concerts on the Common:** On select Tuesday evenings in July and August, P&R holds free outdoor concerts on the Town House lawn, where professional local musicians and outside talent entertain families as they enjoy the summer weather. This summer, we hosted a number of bands, including the Rainflowers, the CentreStreeters, Group Therapy, and Eddy's Shoe.



Photo by Dan Cahan.

**Summer Programs:** Additional summer programs included the Summer Nights baseball program, which served 19 K–grade 2 children. Baseball Coaches Academy returned to offer ballplayers instruction and fun to 17 kids.

Coach Pete returned to offer a Middle School Travel Program for kids in grades 6–8. Daily field trips included Kimball Farms, Legacy Place, and Tree Top Adventures. This is a popular program and this summer saw some 45 kids attend. Summer programs have seen an increase in participation over recent years, as they provide families who remain in the area during the summer months with quality programming.

## Fall Season Program Highlights

**Dover Days Fair:** Against the backdrop of a beautiful fall day, the fair showcased more than 45 vendors. In addition, the 5K run had an increase in participation, with more than 40 kids participating in the Fun Run and more than 50 runners entering the Dover Dash 5K. The Dover-Sherborn High School Cross Country team organized and executed both events. The day included food, games, prizes, and informational booths, with vendors, volunteer staff, and patrons all contributing to making this annual event a great success.

**Coach Pete’s Sports Programs:** More than 150 participants enrolled in Coach Pete Sylvester’s fall programs and enjoyed various sports, including flag football, soccer, baseball, and pre-season basketball clinics.

**D-S Middle School Field Hockey:** All three DSMS Field Hockey teams enjoyed a rewarding 2017 season. The program continues to have strong participation with waitlist at the sixth- and eighth-grade levels. A special thank-you goes out to our coaches, Kaitlyn Fabri and Joelle Sobin, along with P&R’s Nicole DiCicco, for their support during these fall months, and to all our parent volunteers and team managers.

**Additional Fall Program Notes:** Fall program offerings included Home Alone Safety, Tennis, Adult Exercise, and Tae Kwon Do.

## Winter Season Program Highlights

**Coach Pete’s Sports Programs:** The Caryl Community Center gym was the site for a number of indoor sports programs run by Peter (Coach Pete) Sylvester for children ages 3 to 5. They included Super Tuesdays, floor hockey, and basketball, which attracted many participants. Coach Pete also continued the Winter Vacation Program that included sports, games, and prizes, and was a great hit with kids and parents alike. Lastly, we hosted a Drop and Shop event in December, which attracted more than 35 attendees who had a fun night of games, activities, and food.

**Holiday Tree Lighting:** On December 4, 2017, P&R hosted this annual town-wide celebration of the winter holiday season. We were excited to be outside as the weather was perfect for a December night. The Chickering School Band showcased its talents with holiday songs. Cookies and hot chocolate were served and greatly appreciated by attendees.

**Ice Skating at Channing Pond:** We continue to open the pond for winter skating as often as weather and temperatures allow. Safety and ice conditions are our priority. We hope that temperatures cooperate and we have long stretches of skating this winter.

**Ice Skating Lessons:** We were excited to partner with the Skating Club of Boston Skating Academy to offer skating lessons at the Boch Ice Center. This program was a big hit during its inaugural session in 2016 with more than 35 participants, and we plan to continue our partnership with the club offering lessons throughout the year.

**Intramural Basketball:** P&R’s informal intramural basketball program offers players a great venue for developing skills and playing with friends ages K–grade 3. More than 120 players enjoyed the program, the success of which is attributable to the more than 20 parents who volunteered as coaches. We thank them for their assistance.

**D-S Middle School Ski Program:** The DSMS Ski Program provided students in grades 6–8 with the opportunity to spend their Friday afternoons and nights skiing at Nashoba Valley Ski Area in Westford, MA. For six consecutive Fridays in January and February, more than 50 skiers and snowboarders traveled to the slopes to enjoy a few hours of skiing.

**Winter Ski and Board Program:** The ski lesson program for students ages 7 to 15 returned to Blue Hills Ski Area in Canton, MA, for five consecutive Wednesdays. More than 20 children from Dover and Sherborn participated in this great introductory program for ski lessons.

**Indoor Tennis Lesson:** We are excited about this new tennis program taught by Peter Cooper, which ran daily from December through March indoors in the Caryl Community Center gym and provided more than 30 children with lessons. We are grateful to have Peter with us all year long.

**Additional Winter Program Notes:** Programs mentioned earlier for elementary-school-aged children were also held in the winter including PROformance Soccer and Tae Kwon Do. Adult programs included adult exercise classes. In conjunction with the Council on Aging, we continue to offer Zumba Gold classes for seniors on Saturday mornings and Pickleball on Mondays. We are always on the lookout for additional programming for middle school, adults and seniors.

## Facilities

**Caryl Community Center:** We have seen a steady increase in demand for space at the Caryl Community Center. Ongoing upgrades have made the center a great facility for holding programs, functions, and special events. The gym is used for P&R programming; by Town residents for pick-up sports games, and birthday parties; by private groups, including the Child Development Center; and by youth sports clubs as an indoor practice space.

In particular, the Caryl Room (old library space) was a steadily used venue for the P&R's programs, public meetings, and for use by residents and non-residents for birthday parties, scout meetings, COA Lifetime Learning, and other activities.

**Parks:** P&R maintains many park areas for the enjoyment of Dover residents and non-residents alike. Caryl Park, Channing Pond, and the Riverside Drive boat landing are popular recreation destinations. Five smaller park parcels in Town are maintained by P&R, as are the lands around Chickering School, the Town Library, the Protective Agencies Building, and the Town House.

**Athletic Fields:** P&R's athletic fields are used by the Department and by local youth sports clubs, which include Dover-Sherborn Soccer, Dover-Sherborn Youth Lacrosse, Dover-Sherborn Girls Lacrosse, and Dover-Sherborn Youth Baseball and Softball. P&R maintains three rectangular multipurpose sports fields—two at Chickering Fields and one at Caryl Park. There are also three baseball diamonds—one at Chickering Fields and two at Caryl Park.

P&R is committed to providing all youth athletic teams with safe, high-quality playing surfaces throughout their playing seasons.

## Appreciation

A thank-you to all P&R staff members for their dedication in coordinating programs, events, and playfields. The Department experienced several staffing changes in 2017, with the most significant being the retirement of its long-time director, Dave MacTavish on July 1, 2017, after serving more than 40 years in P&R. Dave was an invaluable resource to the Department and Town, as he helped expand programming, develop special events (including summer concerts and Dover Days) and building relationships with numerous sports organizations. We thank Dave for his many contributions and wish him well in his retirement.

Assistant Director Mark Ghiloni was appointed as director on July 1, 2017. Having played an integral role in P&R's programming over the past five years, Mark is excited to oversee the Department, to build upon its existing foundation, and to create additional partnerships within the community.

In September 2017, the Department hired Assistant Director Nicole DiCicco, who has quickly become a valuable member of the team.

Nicole formerly worked for Needham Recreation and, most recently, ran the after-school program for the Needham Public Schools. Nicole brings a wealth of recreation knowledge to her role as assistant director and is looking to complement current program offerings with exciting new programming for the community.

Lastly, Michael Mitchell was hired over the summer to fill the vacant groundskeeper and heavy equipment operator position. Michael joins the Department after working at the Transfer Station. He is filling a valuable role on the team by helping to ensure that all outdoor spaces, playfields, and parklands remain safe.

In addition to these departmental changes, we extend a special thank-you to Amy Caffrey, Tom Palmer, and Michael Petrangelo. Amy ensures that programs run efficiently throughout the year, while Tom and Mike perform an outstanding level of work on the playfields, parklands, and outdoor spaces. Along with staff, thanks go to the Chicatabot Garden Club and Powisset Garden Club, for maintaining the flowers and garden spaces, and to Mrs. Betty Brady for her continued help.

We extend our sincere thanks to all the volunteers and staff members who help the Department. Our staff continues to maintain a high standard for outdoor spaces and quality programming, and our volunteers have been outstanding as always by providing children with the opportunity to learn and grow through our programs. The contributions of these individuals are greatly appreciated by the children and their families, and we add our own heartfelt thanks.



*Powisset Farm kitchen.*

*Photo courtesy of the Parks and Recreation Commission.*

# Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund

For the Year Ending June 30, 2017

Activity/Program	Reserve Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Reserve Over/(Under)	Reserve Ending Balance
<b>Activity/Program</b>					
Baseball/Softball/T-ball (Spring)	\$9,593	\$27,061	\$19,552	\$7,509	\$17,102
Basketball Intramural	0	9,337	8,449	888	888
Baseball Coaches Academy	0	2,492	2,910	(418)	(418)
Dover Days Fair	2,986	4,810	4,440	370	3,356
Fencing	0	3,840	2,848	992	992
Field Hockey	21,925	12,900	14,180	(1,280)	20,645
Field Maintenance	43,186	29,681	16,476	13,205	56,391
Fishing Derby	0	420	787	(367)	(367)
Misc./Overhead	0	4,413	1,632	2,781	2,781
Other Programs	6,728	49,858	41,844	8,014	14,742
Pre-K Sports	15,911	66,506	59,645	6,861	22,772
Ski Programs	2,911	16,726	18,586	(1,860)	1,051
Summer Concerts	0	0	2,750	(2,750)	(2,750)
Summer Playground	45,414	47,807	31,475	16,332	61,746
Tae Kwon Do	5,322	24,442	20,240	4,202	9,524
Tennis	39,919	36,694	32,418	4,276	44,195
Thundercat Sports	5,849	0	0	0	5,849
<b>Maintenance/Repair/Development</b>					
AED Batteries and Case	1,978	0	1,960	(1,960)	18
Caryl Park Benches	1,000	0	0	0	1,000
Caryl Park Signs	2,000	0	0	0	2,000
Caryl School Repair	12,943	0	0	0	12,943
Development: New/Current Programs	12,950	0	3,478	(3,478)	9,472
Gym Floor	21,500	0	0	0	21,500
Irrigation Wells Maintenance	50,500	0	22,000	(22,000)	28,500
Maintenance Equipment	3,456	0	0	0	3,456
Merchant Fees	10,500	0	7,106	(7,106)	3,394
Office Equipment	5,050	0	950	(950)	4,100
Part-time Staff	4,475	0	0	0	4,475
Porta Pots	9,500	0	2,410	(2,410)	7,090
Printing	6,000	0	2,341	(2,341)	3,659
Registration Software	5,640	0	1,873	(1,873)	3,767
Renovate Baseball Fields/Install Dugouts	15,505	0	0	0	15,505
Sheds	871	0	0	0	871
Split Rail Fence	3,464	0	0	0	3,464
Tae Kwon Do Mats	3,201	0	0	0	3,201
Tennis Court Repair	43,455	0	0	0	43,455
Unreserved Funds	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
<b>Reserve Fund Totals*</b>	<b>\$423,732</b>	<b>\$336,987</b>	<b>\$320,350</b>	<b>\$16,637</b>	<b>\$440,369</b>

\*Numbers rounded to the nearest dollar.

## Report of the Conservation Commission

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John Sullivan, Chairman  
Amey Moot, Secretary  
Janet Bowser  
Tim Holiner  
Jim McLaughlin  
Sarah Monaco  
David Stapleton

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The Conservation Commission consists of seven voting members and two open associate member positions. The Commission is responsible for safeguarding wetland resources under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act, the Dover Wetlands Protection Bylaw, and the Rules and Regulations for the Dover Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Wetlands are protected by a 100-foot buffer zone, and rivers by a 200-foot riverfront zone. Wetlands and buffer zones offer flood control, prevention of storm damage, prevention of pollution, and preservation of groundwater, water supply, and wildlife habitat. Work performed in these and other areas requires a permit from the Conservation Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

This year, the Commission heard 21 Notices of Intent (permit applications), four requests for Determination of Applicability (to decide if a permit is needed), and five amendments to existing Orders of Conditions (minor changes to existing permits). Additionally, the Commission entertained many informal discussions with homeowners regarding the disposition of their properties that lie in proximity to wetland resources. The Commission also issued 21 Certificates of Compliance (to close out permitted work) and five Enforcement Orders (illegal work related to clearing and filling in jurisdictional areas).

The Commission continues to develop land management plans for Conservation Commission land. They look forward to implementing Massachusetts Audubon Society recommendations from completed 2017 Land Management Plans for Dedham Street and Valley Farm properties.

Due to the generous bequest from Arthur Adams Jr., and the continued support of the citizens for our Conservation Fund, the Conservation Commission was able to contribute to the recent Dover Land Conservation Trust (DLCT) acquisition of the Porter Woodlands property. Approximately 21.3 acres of pristine land is now permanently protected along the Charles River and Bridge Street for the public's viewing and walking pleasure.

Additionally, due to the generosity of the Town of Dover, 23 acres

of land behind 46 Springdale Avenue was conveyed to the Conservation Commission. The parcel is important habitat land that includes wetlands and a certified vernal pool. It connects with existing Town and DLCT land and recreational trails.

The Commission cordially invites you to its meetings, which are open to the public and held twice monthly on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Check the calendar section of the Town website at [www.doverma.org](http://www.doverma.org) for meeting dates.



*Photo by Tod Dimmick.*

## Report of the Tree Committee

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John M. Devine, Chairman  
Nathaniel Howe  
Laura Walter

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The Town of Dover is a predominantly residential community with a strong commitment to the preservation of its land and large population of trees. The Tree Committee is responsible for the stewardship of trees located within the Town's rights-of-way. This responsibility includes the care and maintenance of shade and ornamental trees, the removal of dead and hazardous trees, and the emergency removal of storm-damaged trees.

In 2017, the Committee planted new trees at the intersection of Willow and Cross Streets. Trees located at the island intersection of Haven and Main Streets were removed and replaced due to storm damage. Lastly, new plantings were installed at the intersection of Church Street and Springdale Avenue.

The Committee would like to thank the dedicated residents and garden club members who donate their time and services in helping maintain Dover's beautiful country charm. We would like to give special thanks to Betty Brady for her generous time devoted to the Town.

We look forward to another year of progress and urge residents to present us with ideas regarding plantings on Town property. Frequently asked questions can be found at [www.doverma.org](http://www.doverma.org). Committee members can be reached by leaving a message on the Police Department's non-emergency line at (508) 785-1130.



*On Powisset Farm. Photo by Bill McMahon.*

## Report of the Tree Warden

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John Gilbert

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### Pruning

In 2017, large, dangerous deadwood was pruned from trees on the following streets: Burnham Road, Centre Street, Dedham Street, Donnelly Drive, Fox Run Road, Greystone Road, Hunt Drive, Knollwood Drive, Morningside Drive, Oakley Road, Old Centre Street, Park Avenue, Partridge Hill Road, Powisset Street, Raleigh Road, Sherbrooke Drive, Sterling Drive, Walpole Street, Windsor Road, and Yorkshire Road.

### Removals

Dead or compromised trees were removed on an as-needed basis. Six large white pines with significant dieback were removed from the Protective Agencies Building property.

### Insect and Disease Problems

The invasive gypsy moth has defoliated scattered areas, and damage is expected to extend town-wide in 2018. The presence the winter moth continues to be widespread, resulting in the defoliation of many species of hardwood trees. No emerald ash borer activity was reported in 2017.

*For help with controlling insect or disease problems, please contact a tree care professional.*



*View of Dover from Pegan Hill. Photo by Kathryn O'Connor.*

## Report of the Fence Viewers

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James P. Dawley Jr.  
Carol Lisbon

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Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 49 provides the Town fence viewers with their responsibilities: Fences are to be maintained by their owners and be 4 feet high and in good repair. Fences may be constructed out of rails, timber, boards, iron, or stone.

Fence viewers settle disputes between neighbors and “shall be paid at the rate of \$5 a day for the time during which he is employed” and may take no less than \$1. Fees are to be paid by the parties in dispute. In 2017, there were no requests from residents for our services.

In reviewing the history of fence viewers in New England, we discovered that in 1644, the Connecticut Colony enacted fence legislation because of insufficient fences and unruly cattle. Fence viewers were appointed to survey the condition of fences and ensure that their owners maintained them. In 1678, the Town of Fairfield, CT, appointed four fence viewers, while at the same time only having two surveyors of roads.

We now live in different times, but as we drive along the roads of Dover we see many types of fences under construction and many being reconstructed. We are no longer as concerned with unruly animals as we are about safety and the aesthetics of fences and gates. It is highly recommended that Dover’s citizens check the Town’s building code and confer with the building inspector when considering the installation of a stone wall, fence, or gate to ensure that any right-of-way and traffic sightline issues, designated Scenic Road considerations for trees and stone walls, and height restrictions are taken into account.



Photo by Susan Seiler.

## Report of the Recycling Committee

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Christopher Poulsen, Chairman  
Janit Greenwood  
Michael Kinchla  
Carol Lisbon  
Wendy Muellers  
Lindsay Nie  
Savita Shukla

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The Dover Recycling Committee’s (DRC’s) mission is to conserve our environment and local tax dollars by reducing Dover’s solid waste through recycling, finding environmentally sound and cost-effective markets for recycling, reducing the generation of household hazardous waste, and keeping residents informed of recycling issues and legislation. We aim to achieve this by promoting the “3Rs”: Reduce, Re-use and Recycle!

The year 2017 marked tremendous progress for Dover. After five years of minimal improvement, Dover reduced its solid waste (trash and bulky items) per household by 10% in 2016, a trend that continued in 2017 with an additional 6% reduction. Trash per household was down an amazing 12% in 2017 and, when combined with the reduced trash due to the elimination of commercial hauler use of the Transfer Station (TS), overall solid waste at the TS was down 31% by weight, resulting in a savings of \$42,000 in 2017.

After two years of study, the DRC recommended at the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting the implementation of a “pay-as-you-throw” model for household trash disposal at the TS. While this approach is widely recognized as the most effective method of reducing trash per household, it was not supported by a majority of attendees. However, discussion of the proposal during spring 2017 raised several recommendations that were subsequently implemented by the DRC. Specifically: increased communication and education activities through the *Dover-Sherborn Hometown Weekly*, the *Dover-Sherborn Press*, the Town website ([www.doverma.org](http://www.doverma.org)) and NextDoor.com; the increased presence of DRC members, clearly identified by jackets, to support our TS staff; and improved signage. In response to citizen concerns, the DRC will support the TS staff in issuing new stickers for all cars in spring 2018. Much of the improvement in reduced trash per household in 2017 can be attributed to the availability of more recycling options, special events, and communications targeted at Dover residents, which resulted in reduced waste and an 8% increase in re-use and recycling per household.

Three new recycling options introduced by the DRC in 2017 were facilitated by grants totaling \$13,300 and secured from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP): a permanent 30-cubic-foot roll-off for rigid plastics, a new highly popular furniture re-use shed, and a shed to house a variety of recycle bins now for sale at the TS.

In October, MassDep notified the DRC that the Town had received a \$6,600 Recycling Dividends Program grant in recognition of the DRC's implementation of specific programs and policies proven to maximize waste reduction, re-use, and recycling. This grant represents an increase over the \$1,800 received in 2016 due to the implementation of additional activities recognized by the State as best practices in the Town's efforts to reduce trash and increase re-use and recycling. The grant will be used in 2018 to further our 3R activities.

The Dover Special Recycling Weekends held in June and October continued to be very popular, with 13,500 lb. of confidential documents shredded, 263 mattresses/box springs recycled, 40 bikes re-used, 110 tires recycled, and more than 2,500 lb. of rigid plastic recycled. The Redemption Trailer was a remarkable success, with 14 tons of beverage containers recycled and \$12,969 returned to 12 local organizations. Other significant events organized by the DRC included a tour and instruction at the TS for Dover Future Leaders (Chickering fourth- and fifth-graders); the Dover Spring Clean-up, which saw several hundred residents come out to pick up trash from our roadsides; and the Dover Days promotion effort that resulted in 17 new households signing up for the Town's Food Scraps Program. The DRC works closely with the Board of Health in promoting this program, whereby residents enjoy free weekly pick-ups at their home. The program reduces garbage tonnage at the TS and protects the operation and longevity of septic systems.

Finally, the DRC would like to welcome Bill Martin, our new TS operator. Bill and Wade Hayes work tirelessly to maintain the TS and keep Mary's Swap Shop organized and useful. The Swap Shop continues to be a very popular part of the TS and plays an important role in our 3R strategy. We would like to thank Dover's TS users for both donating and re-using items.

## Dover Solid Waste & Recycling Data

For the Calendar Year 2017

	2017	2016	2012	2003	Comparison (% Change)	
					1-Year	5-Year
<b>Solid Waste (tons)<sup>1</sup></b>						
Refuse/Bulky Items	264	279	n/a	n/a	(5)	n/a
Trash	1,063	1,642	n/a	n/a	(35)	n/a
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>2,462</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>(36)</b>
<b>Recyclables (tons)</b>						
Mixed Paper (all types) <sup>1</sup>	137	183	283	444	(25)	(52)
Cardboard	132	135	117	83	(2)	13
Glass	84	92	89	88	(9)	(5)
Single Stream <sup>2</sup>	0	128	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Metal (cans and scrap)	81	71	53	142	10	52
Plastic (non-deposit #1-#7)	51	41	44	6	25	17
Electronics	21	26	29	n/a	(17)	(27)
Textiles <sup>3</sup>	17	18	n/a	19	(6)	n/a
Books <sup>4</sup>	8	12	n/a	n/a	(34)	n/a
Comingled Containers <sup>5</sup>	0	0	24	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Events <sup>7</sup>	19	18	n/a	n/a	5	n/a
Food Scraps <sup>8</sup>	57	57	52	n/a	0	10
Deposit Trailer Containers <sup>9</sup>	20	20	16	11	(2)	24
Other	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Recyclables</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>(22)</b>	<b>(11)</b>
<b>Total Solid Waste and Recyclables<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>2,786</b>	<b>3,257</b>	<b>(28)</b>	<b>(30)</b>
Percentage (%) Recyclables to Total <sup>1</sup>	32.1	29.5	25.4	24.4	9	26
Households (HHs) <sup>5</sup>	2,034	2,008	1,995	1,958	1	2
HHs Using TS (less 560 comm <sup>1</sup> haulers) <sup>10</sup>	1,474	2,008	1,995	1,958	(27)	(26)
Solid Waste (lb.) per HH User of TS	1,801	1,913	2,084	2,515	(6)	(14)
Trash (lb.) per HH Using TS	1,442	1,635	0	0	(12)	n/a
Deposit Containers (- units) <sup>6</sup>	259,383	265,162	211,000	190,083	(2)	23
Recycle Bins Sold (Town Garage/TS)	40	32	n/a	n/a	25	n/a
Motor Oil (gal.)	700	650	800	n/a	8	(13)
Misc. Fluorescent Bulbs (units)	17,132	5,580	1,530	n/a	207	1,020
Small Batteries (non-auto, lb.)	539	211	n/a	n/a	155	n/a

<sup>1</sup> 2003-16 Includes Dover Trucking (mixed paper only includes DT for '03-'12)

<sup>2</sup> 2013-16 Dover Trucking (started single stream in 2013, eliminating contributions to mixed paper and comingles)

<sup>3</sup> Textile bins TS (Red Cross & Bay State), excl. DS High School & Middle School (Bay State Textiles)

<sup>4</sup> Book bin (Big Hearted Books & Clothing, Inc.)

<sup>5</sup> Population/HHs per Town Report/census data

<sup>6</sup> Estimate based on proceeds from private document shredding; mattress/fire recycling; bicycle/mattress/plastic re-use

<sup>7</sup> Estimate based on 10 lb./week/participating HH (vs. 14% or 5.4 lb./week per Mass-DEP) and 20 lb./week per Sherborn)

<sup>8</sup> Estimates restated in 2017, assuming 35% of containers are glass and 2.67 glass bottles/lb. (1.70 g. per bottle) and 30.23 cans/plastic per lb. (15 g. per can/plastic)

<sup>9</sup> HHs using Dover Trucking for solid-waste pick-up

## Report of the Inspector of Buildings

Walter Avallone, Inspector of Buildings/Commissioner  
Zoning Enforcement Officer  
Felix Zemel, Local Building Inspector

The Building Department is responsible for reviewing applications and plans to construct, alter, or demolish any building or structure in Dover for compliance with applicable Dover Zoning Bylaws; Massachusetts State Gas, Plumbing, Electrical, and Building Codes; and Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, relating to construction and zoning.

Inspectors make field inspections of buildings at various stages of construction, as well as inspect all public buildings, churches, and public and private schools. The Department also responds to inquiries from attorneys, land surveyors, banks, and the general public regarding zoning and building-code issues.

More than 1,200 inspections were performed in 2017 for work constructed under a building permit. Of the 17 new house permits issued, 9 were for teardowns to be replaced by new construction, leaving 8 residences added in Dover.

	Applications	Fees	Value
<b>2015</b>			
New Homes	17	\$101,144	\$9,499,490
Schools	0	0	0
Additions, Remodels, Other	438	182,514	15,161,730
<b>Totals</b>	<u>455</u>	<u>\$283,658</u>	<u>\$24,661,220</u>
<b>2016</b>			
New Homes	24	166,583	20,017,960
Schools	0	0	0
Additions, Remodels, Other	382	127,943	14,256,295
<b>Totals</b>	<u>406</u>	<u>\$294,526</u>	<u>\$34,274,255</u>
<b>2017</b>			
New Homes	17	157,171	16,992,030
Schools	1	41,580	4,185,000
Additions, Remodels, Other	361	184,287	14,589,908
<b>Totals</b>	<u>379</u>	<u>\$303,038</u>	<u>\$35,766,938</u>

## Report of the Inspector of Wiring

Kevin Malloy, Inspector  
Paul Angus, Alternate Inspector  
James Naughton, Second Alternate Inspector

During 2017, a total of 305 wiring permits were issued, many of which required multiple inspections. In some situations, violations were noted and corrections were made.

There was a slight decrease in the number of wiring permits issued in 2017 from the previous year, and permit fees were moderately increased.

The Wiring Inspector can be contacted at 508-785-0032, extension 245, for any concerns related to wiring permits. You may also register a complaint or check on an electrician's license.



*Flying squirrel. Photo by Judy Ballantine.*

## Report of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector

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Robert Hauptman, Inspector  
James Vaughan, Alternate Inspector  
Michael Guida, Second Alternate Inspector

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During 2017, a total of 114 plumbing and 108 gas permits were issued. Rough and final inspections were made for both plumbing and gas permits for a minimum of 445 required inspections. Plumbing and gas permits issued for 2016 to 2017 decreased by approximately 8%.

In some situations, violations were found and corrected with a follow-up inspection to complete the inspection process. Any open permits from 2017 will be inspected and closed out in 2018.



*Photo by Uschi Waite.*

## Report of the Open Space Committee

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Amey Moot, Chairman  
Mark Adamczyk  
Henry Faulkner, Planning Board  
Boynton Glidden  
Tim Holiner, Conservation Commission  
Greg Kahoun  
Justine Kent-Uritam  
Eric Krusell  
Eric Loeffler  
Tara Nolan  
Paul Wood  
Jerry Arnold, Long Range Planning Committee Liaison  
Candace McCann, Board of Selectmen Liaison

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The Open Space Committee (OSC) became a permanent town government committee in 2001. Its primary purpose is to update the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan (OS&RP) in accordance with Massachusetts' laws and regulations, which it accomplished in 2011. The plan is available on the Open Space Committee page of the Town website ([www.doverma.org](http://www.doverma.org)). In addition, the OSC strives to provide information on Dover's many open spaces and to encourage Dover residents to enjoy them.

The OSC also assists other Town boards in managing the recreation and conservation lands under their jurisdiction. Since there are many governmental and charitable entities with lands under their control, the OSC has purposefully widened its membership to better represent these interests. For example, both the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board appoint members to the OSC. The Long Range Planning Committee and Board of Selectmen appoint liaisons. The Board of Selectmen appoints the remaining OSC members, some of whom also sit on the Board of Health and the Parks and Recreation Commission. OSC members are often members of ad-hoc committees and subcommittees formed to assess projects or problems in Dover. OSC members are also active with local conservation groups: The Trustees of Reservations (The Trustees), the Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust (UCCLT), the Dover Land Conservation Trust (DLCT), Hale Reservation, Mass Audubon, and the Norfolk Hunt Club.

Given this broad representation, discussions during OSC meetings cover many topics, from the desirability of preserving or acquiring particular properties to the issues that surround the potential rail-to-trail conversion to efforts that encourage the use of open space by Dover citizens. The

OSC welcomes public attendance of our meetings, which are typically held on the first Tuesday of the month, September to June, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town House. Please see the Town calendar on the Town's website for the meeting room and agenda.

### **Guided Walks on Dover Conservation Lands**

In 2017, OSC members again led eight guided walks through conservation lands on the second Saturday morning of each month from April to November. These walks took place on Town-owned land and reservations held by The Trustees and the DLCT, as well as through the Dover portion of the Medfield State Forest. In August, we enjoyed a new loop running from Peters Reservation to Chase Woodlands, which was made possible by the DLCT's acquisition of the 21-acre Porter Woodlands, which runs from the Charles River by Bridge Street up to Smith Street near Farm Street. For Dover's contribution to the effort, the Conservation Commission will hold a conservation restriction that guarantees public walking and equestrian access. With the protection of this important mix of fields and woods, all four corners of the entry to Dover from Farm Road, Sherborn, to Bridge Street will forever remain conserved.

OSC walks are publicized on the Town website, various e-calendars (Boston.com, WickedLocal.com, NextDoor.com's Glen Ridge e-board, etc.), the Conservation Commission, the Town Library's bulletin boards, and at Dover Market. The OSC will continue offering these guided monthly walks in 2018, and we hope you will join us!

### **46 Springdale Avenue**

Along with other Town boards, the OSC participated in the Board of Selectmen's ad-hoc committee to consider alternatives for Springdale Farm at 46 Springdale Avenue, building on the comprehensive work done by the Springdale Committee and the desires expressed at the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The OSC provided a broad perspective on the passive recreation and conservation opportunities of this beautiful, hayfield-dominated property that also features wetlands, a vernal pool, and a nonfreezing spring. The OSC recognizes the importance of the property's contribution to the quality and quantity of Dover's water supplies. Springdale Farm also provides the opportunity for trail links from the Town center to Wyld Woods trails and beyond. The OSC was pleased to support the Board of Selectmen's successful warrant article for this important property at the Town Meeting.

### **Support of Conservation Groups**

The OSC provides ongoing support for and communication about various projects run by local conservation groups. For example:

- The DLCT, the Norfolk Hunt Club, The Trustees, the UCCLT, and neighbors successfully acquired the 21 acres of undeveloped

property held in the Porter Trust. Renamed the Porter Woodlands, the land runs along the Charles River from Bridge Street up to Smith Street.

- OSC provides guidance to the Board of Selectmen on whether to exercise the Town's right of first refusal on properties that are leaving Chapter 61 status.
- The OSC table at Dover Days offers citizens one-stop access to information and maps from the conservation organizations in Dover, as well as schedules for OSC walks.
- The OSC updates and maintains the "Outdoor Recreation" page on the Town website, which lists passive recreation opportunities, including a list of all conservation properties with walking trails and their associated parking areas.

The OSC will continue to work with the Conservation Commission, The Trustees, the DLCT, the UCCLT, and other groups to improve access and walking experiences at properties throughout Dover.

### **Change in OSC Appointees**

The OSC is pleased to welcome Mark Adamczyk as a new member and looks forward to receiving his input on Mass Audubon's projects and his help in encouraging younger Dover families to enjoy our rural landscapes.



*Dog on Willow Street pond. Photo by David W. Stapleton.*

*Report of the*  
**Long Range Planning Committee**

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John T. Donoghue, Chairman  
Peter Smith, Secretary  
George Arnold Jr.  
John Jeffries, Board of Selectmen  
Mark Sarro, Planning Board  
Matthew Schmid  
Suzanne Sheridan  
Gordon Kinder, Warrant Committee Liaison

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The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is a seven-member committee made up of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Planning Board, and five members appointed by the Moderator on a rotating basis of one or two members each year for three-year terms. The LRPC advises on, assists, and coordinates the long range planning of all Town boards and committees.

In 2016, the Long Range Planning Committee completed its work on Green Community Designation and recommended to the Selectmen that they consider creating an Energy Coordination Committee to work on ongoing implementation.

The Selectmen next requested that the LRPC review the status of affordable housing in Dover. This was a substantial task to undertake, and so our Committee broke it down into three categories: senior housing, general housing, and Chapter 40B housing.

Throughout the summer, the Committee studied and reviewed the housing categories, which led us to examine the merits of the formerly proposed Open Space Preservation Zoning Bylaw, which was sponsored by the Planning Board but was narrowly defeated at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

The Committee unanimously agreed that it was timely to revisit the Open Space Preservation Zoning Bylaw because it could have a major impact on limiting Chapter 40B development by giving property owners an alternative to large-lot subdivisions. We are currently working with the Planning Board to review in detail the advantages and disadvantages of the revised bylaw proposal.

We would like to thank Robyn Hunter and Brooks Gerner for their service and contributions to the Committee.

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## *Other Town Reports*

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