

10/2/2012 Minutes of Open Space Commission, Dover, MA 02030, as reported by Candace McCann

Meeting held in the downstairs Conference Room at Dover Town House, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Present: Amey Moot, Boynton Glidden, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Jane Brace, Henry Faulkner, Candace McCann

Absent: Justine Kent-Uritam, Carol Lisbon, Sierra Bright, Jerry Arnold, Kate Cannie, Rich Oasis

- Two members from the Dover public arrived, believing there would be a discussion of proposed playing fields at Caryl Park. In each case OSC explained that Rich Oasis was our liaison to the Parks 'n Rec Department, and any mention of playing fields at OSC was only an update of progress at Parks 'n Rec. As Rich was unable to attend, both individuals left.
- Amey announced the annual Columbus Day Hunt, beginning at 10 am, Oct 8, at Twin Fields. All information can be found on the Norfolk Hunt Club's web site.
- Barbara moved to approve the minutes from the 9/11/2012 meeting. Jane seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
- Our next meeting will be held a week earlier than expected, due to Election Day. The upcoming meeting is now scheduled for Oct 30, 2012, at 7:30 pm.
- There will be a public walk, offered Oct 28, at 4 pm, at Snow's Hill. It will commence at the parking circle on Snow's Hill.
- Barbara reminded us all that mid-October is the official beginning of the adult tick season. State entomologists predict large numbers of adult ticks this season. Additionally, research now clearly demonstrates that *ticks greatly prefer shady areas over sunny exposures*, so everyone is cautioned to sit/play in sunny locations, rather than shady sites.
- The Board of Health continues to review and revise well and septic regulations for the town. It is anticipated that the first public hearing on these new regulations will be in Jan 2013.
- There was a brief discussion on the dangers of Dover's heavy use of road salt during the winter months. Salt finds its way into neighboring wells on many streets in town. Barbara suggested that townspeople would be well advised to have their well water tested on a regular basis, perhaps as often as once every five years, something many of us forget to do.
- Jerry Arnold will attend the Conservation Meeting later in October to follow through on his recommendations around signage in Wylde Woods.
- Henry updated the OSC that The Trustees of Reservations had appeared before the Planning Board, Oct 1, with its plan for the Powisset Street parking lot, intended to replace the parking at Caryl Park by people accessing Noanet Woodlands. The hearing was continued to Oct 29.
- Master Plan update – there will be a public hearing to review the updated Master Plan, planned for early December. The written text will be made available to the public prior to that time.
- There was a brief discussion of Park 'n Recs' project to add playing fields at Caryl Park. It was suggested that we at OSC steer interested townspeople directly to the Parks 'n Rec because OSC has no jurisdiction over these plans and little or no knowledge. It was agreed that keeping the item on our posted agenda implies specific involvement, well beyond the brief update we intend.
- Rail Trail update - there will be a public information session/conversation at the Dover Library, Oct 13, 10:00-11:30am.
- Deer Management Program is on schedule. The town's program is bow-hunting in tree stands only on select lands in town. The program begins on Oct 15 and will continue through Dec 31. All information is available on the town's website.