

**Minutes of the Dover Open Space Committee
Tuesday June 5, 2012**

Present: Amey Moot, Jane Brace, Boynton Glidden, Candace McCann, Chairperson Justine Kent-Uritam, Carol Lisbon, Sierra Bright and prospective committee member, Kate Cannie.

Absent: Christophe Oliver, Rich Oasis, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Henry Faulkner, and Jerry Arnold.

The meeting started at 7:30 PM.

The minutes from the meeting on May 1, 2012 were amended to read that Sierra Bright had been absent, a motion was made by Candace, seconded by Jane, and the minutes were approved.

Justine introduced prospective member Kate Cannie, who gave a brief bio of herself and her interest in joining the Committee. Boynton and Sierra agreed to continue for an additional term. Two open spots remain on the Committee.

Amey led a successful and well attended walk in the Wylde Woods, which had been advertised in the Hometown Weekly, Globe West, Patch and on the Town Website.

Justine will write a letter over the summer to send to owners of large land holdings in town, encouraging them to conserve their land.

Barbara Roth-Schechter of the Board of Health sent word through Justine that in the fall the Board of Health will be holding a public meeting about changing our town septic regulations. Also, the Board of Health will have an intern this summer to develop scientific data to support the deer hunt.

Candace reports from the Concom that fording improvements will be made in Wylde Woods low areas. The Main trail in Wylde Woods has been marked, and lingering tree damage from fall and summer storms has been addressed.

The Committee went over the Master Plan recommendations of areas the Committee is to oversee. In a letter dated May 17, the Planning Board charged the Open Space Committee as executor of action in the following 6 areas:

- Contacting and educating landowners about the importance of conserving their land.
- Researching existing corridors and trail easements.
- Developing a written procedure.
- Conducting annual trail hikes open to the public.
- Disseminating trail maps.
- Encouraging agricultural use of land.

Of these, the Open Space Committee agreed to take responsibility for all except "developing a written procedure". Sierra moved the question, Jane seconded it and the motion was approved.

The Open Space Committee will check with the Assessor annually to update our records of permanently protected land.

Carol spoke on the Rail Trail's success at Town Meeting, and the new members of the Selectmen's Rail Trail Committee. This committee has a new website and email list to keep the town citizens informed.

Amey made a motion to permanently table any action on a 2008 memo from the Long Range Planning Committee. The motion was seconded by Jane and passed.

There will be a public hearing to ask the Selectmen for approval on the latest version of The Trustees of Reservations Noanet Woodlands Parking Lot plan on Powisset Street.

Grounds for Celebration was a great success.

Hale Reservation is doing well.

There is no news about the Porter Trust Property, which is considered a good sign.

Boynton suggested a bird walk as a different use of our trails.

Jane had spoken to someone about becoming a member of the Open Space Committee, who sounds interested.

The next meeting is September 11, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sierra Bright