

Minutes of the Dover Open Space Committee

Tuesday, September 11th, 2012

Present: Justine Kent-Uritam, Jerry Arnold, Kate Cannie, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Sierra Bright, Amey Moot, Candace McCann, Carol Lisbon, Jane Brace

Absent: Boynton Glidden, Henry Faulkner, Rich Oasis

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Chairman Justine Kent-Uritam.

Justine asked for an update of OSC membership information and potential candidate suggestions to fill a vacancy.

Justine asked for nominations for a new Open Space Committee Chair. Amey Moot was nominated by Jane, seconded by Barbara and unanimously elected to the position.

The minutes from the meeting of June 5, 2012 amended for spelling received a motion to accept from Barbara, seconded by Jane were unanimously approved.

Amey suggested that an Open Space sponsored Public Walk be held in October. She also mentioned that Boynton volunteered to do a Bird Walk.

Justine suggested that the proposed letter to large landowners (5+acres) to encourage conservation protection be put on hold.

Sierra had nothing new to report on the Porter Property.

The Lyme Disease Committee (website: DoverLyme.com) implemented two Mass DPH Intern Projects during the summer.

1. Deer tick population densities in outdoor recreation areas were assessed to provide a basis for safety recommendations for Dover residents. The study concluded that contact with ticks is more likely in shady than sunny areas (nearly 6:1) – greater precaution to avoid bites is advised in shady areas.
2. A survey was sent to physicians of selected specialties to determine if Lyme disease is accurately reported in Metro West Boston. It was concluded that Lyme disease may be underreported in the area, possibly due to time and paperwork involved in reporting, as well as the high incidence of the disease.

Barbara reported that the Deer Management Plan will take place during the hunting season Oct 15-Dec 31 and will encompass more Dover land as well as some in the surrounding towns.

Barbara also reported that the Board of Health has appointed George Guinta as the new Well Inspector. The effort to update the new septic regulations to incorporate modern technology, etc continues.

Jerry is well on the way to completing the naming and marking the Dead Ends, Spurs, and Loops on the trails in Wylde Woods. Candace reported that construction of the fording improvements is out to bid.

The Trustees of Reservations will present their plans for the Noanet Parking Lot at the Planning Board meeting on October 1st, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

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More information of the status of the new playing fields should be available in the next couple of months.

The Rail Trail Committee is planning to determine if a "Friends of the Rail Trail" organization can be established in Dover according to Carol and Kate. Three informal gatherings for meaningful conversations are being planned for abutters and all interested in the Recreational Trail at the Library. Information and signup is available on the Dover Website. The bridge is not currently a primary issue as there are no funds for reconstruction. Preliminary recommendations are to focus on the Dover path and address the bridge at a later time.

The next meeting: Tuesday, October 2 at 7:30 PM.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Brace