

Dover Open Space Committee
December 3rd, 2013
Minutes

In attendance: Amey Moot, Jane Brace, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Justine Kent-Uritam, Kate Cannie, Henry Faulkner, Candace McCann, Jim Dawley
Absent: Boynton Glidden, Jerry Arnold, and Eric Loeffler

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Lower Conference Room at Dover Town Hall.

A motion to accept the minutes of the November 5th, 2013 meeting was made, seconded and the motion carried,

- Amey shared a draft of the Open Space Committee submission for the 2013 Dover Town Report. The draft was reviewed and discussed by the committee. Members were asked to send changes and suggestions to Amey by email.
- Amey suggested that the committee sponsor a half-day workshop for open space and conservation focused organizations and agencies. The workshop would provide an opportunity for the groups to come together and share vision and ideas.
- The committee discussed how we might continue to further engage Dover residents in on-going efforts for land conservation.
- The Board of Selectmen has appointed Mark Bush to the committee and will begin serving in January.
- The OSC still has a vacancy. The committee discussed looking for to the PTO or Hale Reservation for a new member.
- The committee hosted a public walk on November 9th, 2013. Boynton and Amey led the walk up Snow Hill. There were two attendees. The committee will plan walks to be conducted in the spring.
- Amey will be attending a meeting regarding the potential development of land on Pegan Hill. She will report back at the January 7th, 2014 meeting.
- Hale Reservation will be hosting 'Julia's Place Plunge' on December 28th at 9:00 AM. The event is a fundraising for the building of a new hut.
- Dover Land Conservation Trust held its annual meeting.
- Amey reported that the Norfolk Hunt Club had a successful season. They held a long hunt on Thanksgiving Day. The club is planning a gala 'Grounds for Celebration' to be held on May 22nd, 2014. The current huntsman is retiring and the club is looking to hire a replacement.
- Barbara provided an update on efforts by the Board of Health:
 - Reported that the Board of Health has finalized the new tobacco regulations. Legal notices regarding these will be printed in the papers.

- The BoH has hired a new administrative assistant who will start on January 6th, 2014,
- The BoH will begin working on updating the water regulations in 2014.
- Deer hunting season is October 21st through December 31st. There was an illegal hunter spotted by a resident. The Dover Police apprehended the individual.
- Barbara is participating on a regional task force that will focus on tick borne illnesses and the deer population. Towns participating in the task force include: Weston, Lincoln, Concord, Sudbury and Dover.
- Kate reported that the Rail Trail Committee is finishing editing a draft of the feasibility study. The draft will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen. Kate informed the committee that the Medfield rail trail committee would be presenting the project at the 2014 town meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Cannie