

DOVER OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at the Dover Town Hall on February 5, 2013

Members present: Jane Brace, Nancy Dougherty, Henry Faulkner, Boynton Glidden, Justine Kent-Uritam, Candace McCann, Amey Moot, and Rich Oasis.

Absent: Sierra Bright, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Kate Cannie, Jerry Arnold (liaison), and Carol Lisbon (liaison)

Amey Moot, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

- 1.) The minutes of the last meeting, held on January 8, 2013, as submitted by Rich Oasis were reviewed. Upon motion duly made and seconded, these minutes were unanimously approved.
- 2.) Amey briefly discussed the Open Space Committee's website.
- 3.) Amey led a discussion of public walks. Boynton offered to lead walks on Snow Hill and Bartlett Pines (off Claybrook Road) in the Spring. Other potential walks mentioned were: Powisset Farm and environs which Amey will investigate.
- 4.) Justine distributed and discussed the draft of the annual "Letter to Landowners". This letter targets major land owners in Dover who have not either donated or place conservation restrictions on their land. Justine will revise some of the wording and submit a new draft of this letter for committee approval.
- 5.) Amey led a general discussion of open land recreational opportunities in the town.
- 6.) Nancy briefly discussed the upcoming Lyme and Tick Borne Disease Forum to be held on the evening of April 10, 2013 at Lindquist Commons, Dover-Sherborn Regional High School.
- 7.) Amey advised that the Wylde Woods turn out off Centre Street has been upgraded.
- 8.) Henry advised that the Planning Board was reviewing two properties on Hartford Street: Dancer = 11 acres, and Kirby = 19 acres for possible subdivision. Only Kirby has come officially before the Board.
- 9.) Rich led a long discussion about the proposed expansion of the athletic playing fields in Caryl Park:
 - a.) Wetland Survey to be completed for Conservation Commission review prior to further action.
 - b.) Artificial lighting for night games,
 - c.) Artificial turf allows for more frequent use of playing fields.Rich emphasized that increased demand for organized youth athletics (boys and girls) necessitated more playing fields. These activities to be held primarily in the Spring and Fall -- approx. 4-5 months per year. Rich also mentioned that Sherborn has more fields than Dover, and how Dover-Sherborn Regional High School was unwilling to share their fields with Dover Park and Recreation in a satisfactory manner. Justine reiterated the growing opposition to the proposed expansion, primarily, but not exclusively by those living near Caryl Park. Justine suggested that further work could be done to enable these new playing fields to be located on the former Medfield State Hospital lands. She noted that this usage would probably have to be supervised by the Regional School, rather than Dover Park and Recreation Committee.
- 10.) Other business: The next meeting of the Open Space Committee will be held on March 5, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall.
- 11.) There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Boynton Glidden