

Dover Open Space Committee Minutes
July 2, 2013

Minutes of meeting held at the Dover Town House on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at 7:30 pm

Members present: Barbara Roth-Schecter, Sierra Bright, Amey Moot, Carol Lisbon, Justine Kent-Uritam, Henry Faulkner, Kate Cannie, and Candace McCann

Members absent: Boynton Glidden, Jerry Arnold, Rich Oasis, Jane Brace, and Nancy Dougherty

Amey Moor, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on May 14, 2013, were read, corrections suggested and made, and the minutes were approved.
2. Justine reported about the response (and follow-up) to the OSC's letter to landowners in town about possible land conservation options. Seventy-five letters were sent out. Of those whom Justine has contacted, she reported that approximately half are interested in considering conservation restrictions on their property.
3. Barbara provided an update of recent work in the Board of Health:
 - Again, this summer, the MA Department of Public Health has provided an intern who is continuing (and expanding) tick and Lyme disease monitoring this summer. Brandeis University has contacted Dover about possibly doing a multiple-year study of our tick population.
 - The public hearing on new septic tank regulations has been continued to July 15
 - The Board of Health is considering creating a handout for homeowners with information and tips about safeguarding their septic systems and wells.
 - Next on the BOH agenda are 1) tobacco regulations and 2) a review of all well regulations, comparable to what has just been done for septic systems.
4. The Conservation Commission is still waiting for bids for the bridging to be done in Wylde Woods.
5. Amey reported about her recent walk in Wylde Woods. Although only one person attended, the Committee suggested that making a walk (and perhaps, a table) available for Dover Days in September might be an excellent way of reaching more people.
6. Conservation Commission has recently completed a comprehensive review of its rules and regulations, making them consistent throughout and bringing them in line with the Dover Wetlands Protection Bylaw. A public hearing was held on May 8 at that evening's regular meeting.
7. There was discussion about two recent properties that have come on the market in Dover. The Dover Land Conservation Trust will be meeting on July 9 to decide what action, if any, they are prepared to take to conserve these properties and will notify the Board of Selectmen. Amey has provided invaluable information about each property to all relevant town committees: Open Space, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and the Board of Selectmen.
8. Henry reported that both subdivisions on Hartford Street are under review by the Planning Board.
9. Kate and Carol brought the committee members up-to-date on the proposed rail trail. While the Town Meeting, May 6, 2013, voted down the \$50,000 funding for additional study, the Rail Trail Committee has continued to explore the terms with the MBTA. Carol explained that the terms of the lease are currently under review.
10. Carol asked Amey and Justine if they were willing to sign up for another term on Open Space. Both affirmed their interest. Nancy Dougherty will be contacted later, as she needs to agree to another term, and she was not in attendance at this meeting.

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11. Carol raised the compelling question about what constitutes our Chapter 61 designations in Dover? Candace suggested that Dave Kittredge of UMASS and the Keystone Project is an authority on land conservation. Both Justine and Candace know Dave through the Keystone Project and know that he would be willing to come to Dover and present on the subject for town officials and any interested parties. We all concurred that protecting land is a prime concern for many Dover townspeople.
12. OSC will break for summer and resume meetings on September 3, 2013. In order to facilitate in other committee/commission meeting schedules, OSC agrees to keep its meetings on the first Tuesday evening of each month (summer excepted), in the Dover Town House, at 7:30 pm.

There being no additional business for the Open Space Committee to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Candace McCann, July 4, 2013.