

**Open Space Committee (OSC)
Minutes
September 3, 2013**

Attendance: Members: Amey Moot (Chair), Kate Cannie, Boynton Glidden, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Candace McCann, and Justine Kent-Uritam Liaisons: Jim Dawley (BOS). Absent: Jane Brace, Sierra Bright, Henry Faulkner, and Jerry Arnold (LRPC).

Amey began the meeting at 7:30 PM.

I. Approval of the Minutes

Upon the motion of Barbara, with a second by Kate, the Minutes of July 2, 2013 (written by Candace) were unanimously approved.

II. Election of Chair

Upon the motion of Boynton, with a second by Barbara, Amey was re-elected Chair unanimously.

III. Committee Vacancies

Amey welcomed Jim Dawley as the new Liaison from the Board of Selectmen (BOS). Jim is replacing Selectwoman Carol Lisbon who has been an invaluable member of our committee. Also retiring is Rich Oasis of the Parks and Rec Commission (P&RC) and Nancy Dougherty. Thus, there are now two vacancies on the OCS. Jim will discuss possible appointments with his fellow members of the BOS.

IV. OSC Updates

A. Public Walks: Amey and Boynton held several successful walks last year. They will confer soon and develop a schedule of walks for this autumn. Amey will also contact P&RC about getting a booth for OSC at Dover Days in order to better advertise our activities.

B. Landowner Letters: Of the 75 landowners contacted last April by mail, Justine and others have made subsequent verbal contact and/or learned additional information regarding 60 of them. Some of the landowners may consider putting a conservation restriction (CR) on their land at a future date. Others are not interested. And some were not contacted for a variety of other reasons. However, a couple of landowners might be interested in making a gift or sale of land in the near term. Candace will poll the ConCom to see if it is interested in the possible donation of land with river frontage. In the future, Justine and others will try to make verbal contact with the remaining landowners. Boynton noted that he knows of some landowners who might like to conserve their land in some fashion.

C. Hale Reservation

Justine spoke recently with Eric Arnold of Hale who said that he recently met with Barbara Erickson of The Trustees of Reservations to explore mutually beneficial projects.

V. Updates from Other Boards

A. Board of Health: Barbara reported that her board held two public meetings and adopted new septic tank regulations at their July 2013 meeting. Specifically, cesspools will need to be replaced with Title V compliant septic systems within two years of the sale of any house

with cesspools on it. Other changes made the Dover regulations more similar to those of the state. Barbara also noted that Phil Trotter has joined the Lyme Disease Committee but there is still one vacancy on the committee.

C. Conservation Commission: Candace was recently contacted by Jerry Arnold who has obtained signs for the trails at Wylde Woods but has not yet installed them. The ConCom is also waiting for bids to construct a bridge over the bogs. Candace also noted that the ConCom is now requiring that landowners mark wetlands on their properties with some sort of permanent markers such as large stones.

D. Planning Board: In Henry's absence, there was no update; however, Candace and Amey noted that the ConCom does not have jurisdiction over the Dancer property off Hartford Street.

E. Parks and Rec Commission: Jim (who is the BOS liaison to the P&RC) noted that P&RC is reconsidering its options in light of their defeats at both the town meeting and the town election in May 2013 regarding the creation of new turf fields at Caryl Park. Perhaps a scaled down proposal will come forward at some future date. Barbara noted that the town's four tennis courts still seemed to be in need of improvements. Jim said that he would look into this matter.

F. Recreational Trail Committee: There were no meetings over the summer per Kate. Newton, however, is intending to sign a lease with the MBTA without amendments in order to create a 3 mile trail. Dover is still researching issues of rail salvage and environmental insurance. Justine noted that the Friends of the Recreational Trail met over the summer to consider doing outreach and fundraising regarding this project. Jim remarked that any expenditures of private funding would now have to be approved by the BOS.

G. Board of Selectmen: Jim said that the BOS is ready to sign its option to buy the 8 acre Chapter 61 A property on Dedham Street, provided that \$350k is deposited in town accounts no later than Wed Sept 11, 2013. The ConCom has already voted to allocate \$150k towards this acquisition and the Dover Land Conservation Trust (DLCT) is raising the additional funds. The other Chapter 61 parcel on Pegan Lane is still being discussed by abutters and the DLCT.

VI. Other Business

In the future, Justine would like the OSC to discuss water quantity and quality issues, including possible regulations re irrigation systems. Jim said that he'd like to see the Colonial Water Company involved at some point.

VII. Future Meetings

The next meeting of the OSC will occur on Tuesday October 1, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

Amey adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justine Kent-Uritam