

Dover Open Space Committee

Minutes

December 2nd, 2014

Attendance: Amey Moot (Chair), Boynton Glidden, Justine Kent-Uritam, Candace McCann, Jane Brace, Carol Lisbon (Liaison, Board of Selectmen), Barbara Roth-Schechter, Henry Faulkner, Paul Wood and Dick Wood.
Absent: Eric Loeffler, Jerry Arnold (Liaison, Long Range Planning) and Mark Bush.

Amey opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Minutes of the October 28 meeting were approved unanimously.

Paul Wood was welcomed as new member of the OSC.

Public Walks

The November public walk, inaugurating the Tri-Town Trail, was organized by Hale Reservation and The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) with assistance from Dover OSC. It ran over 13 miles from Hale's Sen Ki (Westwood), through Hale (Westwood/Dover), TTOR's Noanet Woodlands (Dover), TTOR's Powisset Farm (Dover), Dover Conservation Commission land and via a TTOR easement to TTOR's Rocky Woods (Medfield). It attracted about 120 people for at least one of the three segments. Amey guided and Paul & Henry participated. Although a few from Dover joined, the walkers were from all over, many associated with Hale or TTOR.

Landowner Outreach

Justine has been holding off contacting folks until after the 46 Springdale vote was completed. Now she says she will begin calling to follow up on the OSC letter shortly after the first of the year.

Hale Reservation

Nothing new to report beyond the above Tri-Town Trail walk.

TTOR/Pegan Hill

Amey reported that they are getting close to raising the money needed to make a credible offer on the property. She will be attending the Natick Con Com meeting this week to ask for a firm number from them. She also complimented David Lewis for his fundraising efforts.

Dover Land Conservation Trust

Boynton said that all is going well with the Henry Stone gift. Surveying work has been done to locate a new septic system on the property. Boynton said that no issues have arisen related to the project.

Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust

Carol reported on a recent meeting in Medway concerning the Community Preservation Act (CPA). It was well attended and the advantages of having towns adopt the CPA were discussed. There are no plans to reintroduce the topic in Dover since it has been voted down three times already.

Justine said that one of the UCCLT properties has been having problems with an individual illegally using an all-terrain vehicle on the trails.

Board of Health

Barbara said that well regulations have been updated and a public hearing on the subject will be scheduled. She said that there are no big changes in the new set of proposed regulations.

Barbara also reported that deer hunting season has proceeded smoothly with a number of deer culled and no incidents.

Conservation Commission

Candace said that there was nothing new to report but that the December meeting would have a full agenda.

Planning Board

Henry said that the cell phone tower will not be built on the Region property. In addition, the application for the tower on private land abutting the Region has been withdrawn. That leaves the Medfield water tower as the only viable option for providing needed service in that section of town.

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Carol reported that the Friends of the Dover Greenway committee has raised \$40,000 for an engineering study. Research will be done to see if that sum will be enough to complete the engineering work required. She said the group is very enthusiastic about the project. She added that the proposed trail is becoming overgrown and pruning is needed.

Twenty-two residents have expressed interest in participating in the ad hoc committee charged with examining possible uses for 46 Springdale. From this list 8-10 individuals will be selected. The goal will be to assemble a cross section of town residents representing a variety of interests. Carol said she was encouraged by the fact that many new faces were showing interest in town government. The first meeting is targeted for January and a report will be due in October. The Town will close on the property in January. As the Purchase & Sale had to contain the same terms as Northland's, there is a provision for the Snyders to continue to live on the property for a period of time, as long as they maintain it. A situation that Carol described as a win/win.

Amey adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Richard Wood