

Dover Open Space Committee
Special Meeting Minutes – June 24th, 2014

Lower Conference Area, Dover Town Hall

Members attending: Jane Brace, Kate Cannie, Candace McCann, Henry Faulkner, Boynton Glidden, Jim Dawley, Amey Moot, Eric Loeffler, Mark Bush, Barbara Roth-Schechter
Absent: Dick Wood, Jerry Arnold, Justine Kent-Uritam

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

Amey asked Jim for clarification on what kind of presentation the Board of Selectmen (BOS) wanted for the meeting on the 26th. Jim replied that the BOS would like a statement of 5 minutes or less from each board or committee and this could be accompanied by a powerpoint presentation or just spoken.

Jim, Amey and Candace discussed the Conservation Commission statement that Candace intended to make, the presentation by Paul McManus, the environmental consultant, in relation to the OSC statement. The Con Com statement will be more general & sentiment-oriented and defer to Paul's presentation for the conservation values. The OSC statement will refer to both but include its wider perspective.

OSC discussed the specific points in the memo that Amey should incorporate into her powerpoint and statement, concentrating on the environmental and recreational opportunities portions.

The order of speaking was discussed and recommended to Jim, with Paul preceding the boards.

Jim recommended especially focusing on the emotional reasons for the recommendation.

Boynton spoke about Spring Brook and the trout fishing he has done on it all of his life. He showed a beautiful board that he keeps in his office in the Dover Medical building, with two of the trout he had caught in it displayed on it

Jim explained that there will be an open hearing on 46 Springdale Ave as well as the BOS meeting on the 26th.

Jim said that an attorney for a Dover Meadows resident has filed suit against the BOS & Town.

Barbara moved, Mark seconded and the OSC voted unanimously to strengthen the wording in the powerpoint and statement to recommend that the 'BOS should exercise Dover's right of first refusal to acquire 46 Springdale Avenue'.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Amey Moot, Chair