

## Dover Open Space Committee

### Minutes

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

Amey called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

The minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved, and we proceeded to review and discuss the agenda items:

#### 1.) Springdale Study Committee (SSC).

Amey opened the discussion by describing the SSC committee's composition and charge. The SSC will analyze the Town's purchase of 46 Springdale Ave. (27.2 acres) and report back on their recommendations for its usage by the May 2016 Town Meeting.

Amey appointed Boynton as our liaison member to the SSC, with alternates being Justine and Paul who would attend in case of Boynton's absence on upcoming SSC meetings.

Justine asked what the list of uses referred to in the SSC charge as 'attached below', but not included in our version, were. Amey suggested we ask Carol when she arrived from her Board of Selectmen meeting.

#### 2.) Public Walks.

Amey noted that these have been popular, especially the November Tri-Town Walk (described in the Dec. 2, 2014 minutes). Members agreed that more walks should be scheduled when the weather improves.

#### 3.) Landowner Outreach.

Justine continues to discuss conservation restrictions and land donations with prospective landowners. She will send out another letter in the late spring.

Various members discussed specific landowners and their intentions on land conservation.

#### 4.) TTOR / Pegan Hill.

Amey discussed the fund raising efforts of the " Pegan Hill Consortium " to purchase the Grip property at the top of Pegan Hill. Enough has been pledged and/or raised to open negotiations with the landowner. All members applauded the extensive effort being made by this group.

Amey also noted that TTOR was starting cooking classes at Powisset Farm. This presents a good opportunity to coordinate with Park and Rec. and the Council on Aging.

#### 5.) Dover Land Conservation Trust

Boynton noted that the Bartlett Pines property signage and bridge (made by Stephen Bates) adds significant public access to this property off Claybrook Road, and offered to lead a walk here.

Boynton also reported that the Stone property gift was moving along and that the surveying should be completed soon.

#### 6.) Conservation Commission

Candace discussed a planned clearing of a canoe landing, funding to come from the Glidden Fund, honoring Boynton's father. It would be made along the Charles River on the ConCom's Dedham Street property. After discussion, it was agreed to make a reconnaissance of this site in the Spring.

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7.) Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust

Justine reported on this organization's various activities, including the new-fangled "Beaver Deceiver." This contraption (made of pipe and nerf-like material) appears to confuse beavers and help humans to control water levels behind beaver dams. To see pictures, go to [www.uppercharles.org](http://www.uppercharles.org)

8.) Planning Board

Henry mentioned that the wording in the Town's zoning by-laws needs to be clarified. For example, land that is "O - Zoned " (official or open space) cannot legally default automatically to be zoned as residential. This could have significant implications.

9.) Board of Selectmen

Carol reported that in renewing the Town's contract with Colonial Water Company, certain issues were discussed:

- a.) Certain reports have been missed or not filed (or filed with Board of Health and not Selectmen)
- b.) The Company has four wells in Dover, and has no data concerning the aquifer being lowered.
- c.) The Town cannot prevent extension of any of the company's water lines without proof that the aquifer was being thereby lowered.

Henry and Candace discussed drilling "test wells" to monitor the aquifer level.

Carol reported that a careful Hydrological study for the Town is in the discussion phase, and that it might be costly.

Carol advised that the Town now officially owns the 46 Springdale property. The former owners (the Snyders) will be renting the property for the next 18 months and will maintain the entire property in good condition, at their expense, as part of their agreement with the Town.

Carol also reported that the owners of 95 Farm Street (an 18th century farm house originally moved from Amesbury) have applied for a demolition permit. Amey described the exact location in detail.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectively submitted,  
Boynton Glidden