

**Dover Open Space Committee
Minutes
February 3, 2015**

Attendance: Amey Moot (Chair), Candace McCann, Jane Brace, Henry Faulkner, Jerry Arnold, Mark Bush, Paul Wood and Dick Wood.

Absent: Eric Loeffler, Boynton Glidden, Justine Kent-Uritam, Carol Lisbon (Liaison, Board of Selectmen) and Barbara Roth-Schechter.

Amey opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. Minutes of the January 6 meeting were approved unanimously.

Website

Amey led with a discussion of the OSC page on the Town's website, wondering whether we should post links to other conservation organizations events, such as TTOR and the Audubon Society. She also proposed establishing an opt-in where folks could ask to be notified when public walks, etc. were to occur. There ensued a general discussion regarding the purpose of the website and the challenges of maintaining it. There was a consensus that these topics warranted further review. In the meantime, Jerry volunteered to examine the current website to look for possible typos and link issues.

OSC Walks

Amey distributed a schedule of upcoming public walks sponsored by the OSC, mostly on the second Saturday of each month. She urged committee participation.

Landowner Outreach

There was no update due to Justine's absence

Hale Reservation

Amey reported there was a night-time owl walk recently.

Pegan Hill

Amey said that TTOR is taking the lead in negotiating the site's acquisition and discussions are ongoing.

DLCT

Jerry reported that much work has been done regarding the Centre Street project, mostly related to a new septic system and surveying. He thanked the committee for its patience on this topic.

Upper Charles Conservation Trust and Norfolk Hunt Club

There was nothing to report on these subjects.

Springdale Study Committee (SSC)

Paul reported that the committee has begun its work with a broad discussion of possible uses for the newly-acquired property. He said the range of possible outcomes considered goes from doing nothing to making the site available for development. He said the only consensus was that the proposed 40-B was undesirable. Otherwise, nothing was off the table. Paul observed that the committee has a complex task before it. However, there was agreement to ask Boynton to monitor the spring on the site through the winter months so the SSC will have good information on which to base its recommendation.

Other Business

There were no reports from the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Parks and Recreation or the Board of Selectmen due to absences or the failure of these groups to meet in January because of inclement weather.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Richard S. Wood