

**Dover Open Space Committee
Minutes
April 7, 2015**

Attendance: OSC: Amey Moot (Chair), Jane Brace, Mark Bush, Boynton Glidden, Justine Kent-Uritam, Candace McCann, Barbara Roth-Schechter, and Paul Wood.

Liaisons: Carol Lisbon (BOS) and Jerry Arnold (LRPC).

Absent: Henry Faulkner, Eric Loeffler, and Dick Wood.

Guests: Springdale Study Committee Members (SSC): Nancy Kostakos, Anne Reitmayer, Matt Schmid, and Juris Alksnitis. **Others:** Bill Motley, Mark Sarro, James Stuart.

Amey began the meeting at 7:35 PM.

I. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of March 3, 2015 were moved and seconded as written and approved unanimously with an abstention by Justine who had not attended the March meeting.

III. Springdale Study Committee (SSC)

Nancy Kostakos and her colleagues have familiarized themselves with the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The SSC is now soliciting input from members of the community regarding their ideas for the use of the 46 Springdale Avenue property recently purchased by the town. Many ideas have emerged: playing fields, leaving the meadow and house "as is," senior housing, community gardens, fishing, equestrian center, swimming pool, well water protection, community center, trail connections to Wylde Woods, etc. Candace and Amey (Con Com) members would like to see the vernal pool certified. Paul would like to know the cost of keeping the land undisturbed. One idea is to cut down several trees that currently separate the hay fields with the goal of increasing the meadow area for nesting birds. Justine would like to see a large buffer zone of undeveloped land around the well owned by the Colonial Water Company.

IV. Updates from Boards

A. Board of Selectmen (BOS) Update

- The Friends of the Greenway (a private fundraising group) will be donating \$40k to the BOS in order to enable the BOS to complete an engineering study regarding the proposed recreational trail.
- A new Hydrological Study Committee is being formed. Carol, Justine, and Boynton will serve on it.
- The Gould family is donating three lots on Donnelly Drive and Grand Hill Drive to the Dover Conservation Commission (Con Com). A Town Meeting vote is not required in order for the Con Com to accept it.

After some more discussion, Carol Lisbon, the SSC members, and other guests left the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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B. Open Space Groups

- Amey has planned monthly walks on open space parcels in Dover on the second Saturday each month from 10:30 AM to 12 noon. She is publicizing these events.
- Justine will update her list of landowners in Dover with large tracts of land.
- Bike riding is not permitted at Hale Reservation until May 3.
- The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) continues to try to buy the land atop of Pegan Hill.
- A possible gift of land may be coming to the Dover Land Conservation Trust (DLCT).
- The 'beaver deceiver' installed by the Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust is working well.
- The Norfolk Hunt has a trail work day scheduled for next Saturday.
- Massachusetts Audubon has an opening on its Broadmoor Advisory Committee.
- Justine and Amey attended the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Land Trusts on March 21 in Worcester. One topic of interest was 30 year deed restrictions which prevent land from being developed for a term of years and do not require complicated approvals by the local town government and the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

C. Board of Health (BOH)

- New private well regulations are being reviewed by Town Counsel.
- The BOH will be mailing out a new Lyme Disease questionnaire soon to town residents.
- The BOH is also interested in assessing the quality of water in private wells. The BOH is willing to share the cost of water tests with interested homeowners who volunteer to have their water tested. . There was a discussion as to who would sample the water (the homeowner or a technician) and at what location (the head of the well or in the private home).
- The deer control program in 2014 resulted in 28 deer being culled by bow hunters and another 43 deer were killed in collisions with cars.

Amey adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justine Kent-Uritam