

**DOVER OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2016**

Members Present: Amey Moot (Chair), Henry Faulkner, Boynton Glidden, Justine Kent-Uritam, Tim Holiner, Greg Kahoun, Tara Nolan and Paul Wood. **Absent:** Eric Krusell, Eric Loeffler and Non-voting Liasons Candace McCann and Jerry Arnold.

On motions by Tim and seconds by Justine the minutes for the October and November meetings were unanimously approved, with one correction regarding attendance. The discussion continued regarding potential new members. Justine mentioned one possible candidate, Amey noted that she has two other people she has reached out to and plans to meet with in December or January. One person is involved with Audubon at Broadmoor.

The group discussed the Town Report write-up that Amey had prepared. Everyone agreed it was well written and a good report. There was a recommendation to add a section regarding the water resources meeting in October.

Public Walks:

There was a strong turn out for the Chase/Peters Walk. Greg brought about ten people and a handful of other attended. The Committee will gain lead walks on several Saturdays from 10:30 to noon. The volunteers to lead the walks and other activities slated for 2017 are as follows:

April 8	Snow's Hill	Boynton
May 13	Pegan Hill	Tara
June 10	Noanet	Tara
July 8	Medfield State Forest	Amey
September 9	Dover Days Fair	Boynton, Justine, Paul
September 16	Wylde Woods	Greg
October 14	Bartlett Pines	Boynton
November 11	Powisett	Justine

Updates from Boards and Organizations:

Hale Reservation is undertaking a focused effort to raise an endowment to ensure financial sustainability for programs. The organization is looking into options including selling a conservation restriction on its 1,128 acres. They are also reviewing other fund raising options. Amey had a copy of a presentation outlining the options. She will scan and send the file to OSC.

TTOR is pleased with the Pegan Hill project and is currently focusing on an "engagement strategy." At present TTOR has about 50,000 family members; organizationally they are looking at more classes and programs at specific locations to reach a broader audience and expand the ways that people engage with open space. Recently they merged with Fruitlands and the Farm institute on Martha's Vinyard.

DLCT is working on the Stone property (Center Street near Spring Brook); they are awaiting a review from Ardi at Cheney engineering.

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Con Com is voting tomorrow night on whether to use some of the funds from the Arthur B. Adams bequest to help support the acquisition of the Porter Trust property. On a motion by Justine, seconded by Tara the OSC unanimously voted to support Conservation Commission providing funds for the acquisition of the Porter Trust property if the property will have public access. Separately, Con Com is talking to Audubon about stewardship plans for various parcels, including Springdale. At the last meeting they also discussed trail issues on Wilsons Way

Planning Board has some leads on possible members to fill the open slot.

Justine informed the OSC about a developing Water Committee which will come under the auspices of Board of Health. Gerry Clarke will lead the Committee and they are looking to have a total of 5 to 7 people. Dover now has a database with information on water availability and the Water Committee can "drill down" on depth and performance metrics. They are working on a Warrant Article to be proposed by Board of Health. The hope is to have funding in 2017 for writing an RFP and then hiring a consultant, with an aim toward presenting findings at the 2018 Town Meeting. There was further discussion about water issues in general and a reminder that John Thompson continues to recommend that the Town establish monitoring wells. It was noted that Sherborn is facing similar supply concerns. Tim mentioned Paul McManus an LSP and environmental scientist.

Springdale Farm will need an article on the Warrant identifying disposition proposal and restrictions.

Other:

Amey noted that the next Dover Days Fair will be September 9, 2017. We need to have a table and have it staffed.

Administrative:

The May meeting was moved from the first Tuesday to May 9th in order to avoid a possible conflict with Town Meeting.

Amey adjourned the meeting at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tara L. Nolan