

**DOVER OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 2, 2016**

Members Present: Amey Moot (Chair), Tim Holiner, Henry Faulkner, Boynton Glidden, Tara Nolan, Paul Wood, Mark Bush. **Non-Voting Liaison:** Candace McCann.

Absent: Justine Kent-Uritam, Eric Loeffler, Dick Wood and Jerry Arnold.

Amey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

I. Approval of the Minutes

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Minutes of January 5, 2016 were unanimously approved.

II. Welcome of Eric Krusell

The Committee was pleased to welcome incoming member Eric Krusell who brings a familiarity with open space in Dover in particular through active leadership in Boy Scouts and as a soccer coach. The members spent a few minutes introducing themselves.

III. Discussion of Opinion on 47-49 Farm Street

There was discussion of the opinion memorandum to the Board to Selectmen regarding the Town's right of first refusal on the property at 47-49 Farm Street. Everyone had reviewed the draft prepared by Amey and circulated before the meeting. The OSC commented on the thoroughness of the document. After some discussion about expected use of the property and review of the pertinent site attributes, on a motion by Tim, seconded by Mark, the OSC unanimously approved the document and voted against the Town acquiring the property.

IV. General Updates

A. Open Space Committee

(1) Land Acquisitions: Amey met with a person regarding land on Smith St. that is under 61A. The property is no longer held in a trust and heirs are deciding what to do with it. While the owners have an interest in conservation an outright gift of the property is not feasible. The property may be a good candidate for DLCT and/or TTOR.

(2) Public Walks: The Committee discussed the calendar for walks and decided to add the Pegan Hill property, re-order some of the walks. Members will sign up to lead various walks and we will continue outreach to Scouts and schools to improve participation.

(3) Land Trust Coalition Conference: Amey handed out information on the upcoming conference being held in Worcester April 2nd. This event has historically provided valuable workshops.

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(4) Trail maps: The issue of trail maps was reviewed and Eric said he would discuss this as a possible project for scouts or a group of high school or middle school students.

B. Conservation Commission: No new updates.

C. Selectmen: Special Town Meeting slated for February 8th with alternate date of February 22nd to make changes to Minuteman agreement. Springdale Farm will be on the warrant for the May meeting, as will the article for authority to sign the lease for the possible greenway trail.

D. Planning Board: The hearing on Warrant Articles will be later this month.

E. Board of Health: No new updates. It was noted that hunting season was very poor because of the weather conditions.

V. Foreclosed Properties Review, Recommendations and Vote:

After substantive review of maps, parcels and a recent site visit to all the parcels currently on the Town roster of foreclosed properties the Committee voted the following recommendations for disposition of each parcel:

Parcel 3-28-0: Given the property does not serve particular conservation or open space interests, OSC recommends that the Selectmen dispose of the property in a manner that may generate some funds for the Town. Moved by Tara, second by Tim, vote was unanimous.

Parcel 5-206-A: Given that the lot may enable additional subdividing of adjoining parcels, OSC recommends that the parcel be given to Conservation Commission to preserve. Moved by Tim, second by Barry, vote was unanimous.

Parcel 5-197-0: Given that the lot may enable additional subdividing, recommended that the parcel be given to Conservation Commission to preserve. Moved by Tim, second by Mark, vote was unanimous.

Parcel 5-32-0: Given the property does not serve particular conservation or open space interests, OSC recommends that the Selectmen dispose of the property in a manner that may generate some funds for the Town. Moved by Tara, second by Tim, vote was unanimous.

Parcel 5-77-0: In order to protect water quality, meet preservation interests and support wildlife habitats, it is recommended that the parcel be given to Conservation Commission to preserve. Moved by Tim, second by Mark, vote was unanimous.

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Parcel 8-22-0: In order to allow passive recreation and protect wetlands, OSC recommends that the parcel be given to Conservation Commission to preserve. Moved by Tim, second by Henry, vote was unanimous.

Parcel 15-47-10: Given the property does not serve particular conservation or open space interests, OSC recommends that the Selectmen dispose of the property in a manner that may generate some funds for the Town. Moved by Tim, second by Mark, vote was unanimous.

Parcels: 16-27-0, 16-32-0, 16-33-0: In order to allow passive recreation, protect wetlands and facilitate trail connections, OSC recommends that the parcel be given to Conservation Commission to preserve. Moved by Tim, second by Henry, vote was unanimous.

Parcels: 16-9-0, 16-10-0, 16-22-0: In order to allow passive recreation, protect wetlands and facilitate trail connections, OSC recommends that the parcel be given to Conservation Commission to preserve. Moved by Tara, second by Boynton vote was unanimous.

Parcel 20-25-0: Given the property does not serve particular conservation or open space interests, OSC recommends that the Selectmen dispose of the property in a manner that may generate some funds for the Town. Moved by Tim, second by Tara, vote was unanimous.

Parcel 24-12-0: Given the property does not serve particular conservation or open space interests, OSC recommends that the Selectmen dispose of the property in a manner that may generate some funds for the Town. Moved by Tara, second by Tim, vote was unanimous.

Amey adjourned the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tara L. Nolan