

**DOVER OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 18, 2020**

Members Present: Amey Moot (Chair), Mark Adamczyk, Boynton Glidden, Henry Faulkner, Justine Kent-Uritam, and Valerie Linn. John Jeffries (BOS liaison)

Members Absent: Tara Nolan, Greg Kahoun, Paul Wood, Fred Hartman

Guest: Steve Sloan (Consultant to Hale Reservation)

Amey began the meeting at 7:30 PM.

I. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of December 3, 2019 were approved (with one abstention by Justine) upon the motion of Val with a second by Henry. The Minutes of January 7, 2020 were unanimously approved upon the motion of Justine with a second by Henry.

II. Discussion: Dover Task Force re Hale Reservation

The Dover Board of Selectmen (BOS) established a Dover Task Force to assess a proposal by Hale Reservation (Hale). Hale has offered to sell the CR to the Town of Dover for approximately \$10 million. The Task Force will be asking the BOS to support its request to obtain funding (unspecified amount) for an appraisal and/or engineering study on 652 acres in Dover upon which Hale wants to place the CR. There was extensive discussion of this matter. Amey asked OSC Members to comment on the draft of the Task Force presentation regarding this Warrant article. The Task Force intends to go before the BOS on 2/26/20 and before the Warrant Committee on 03/04/2020.

III. Updates

A. Open Space Organizations

(1) Dover Open Space Committee: The April 11th vernal pool walk may have to be rescheduled to an earlier date because of the mild weather that has resulted in the wildlife emerging earlier than usual.

(2) The Trustees: Many events are being hosted including the expansion of day camps at Powisset Farm. The cooking classes are also very popular.

(3) Dover Land Conservation Trust (DLCT): Per Boynton and Henry, the DLCT continues its negotiations with the Dover Church regarding DLCT's possible purchase of the church's lot on Pine Street. Negotiations center on a debate about how many buildable lots exist on site that affects the sales price of the property.

(4) Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust (Upper Charles): Upper Charles is supporting the extension of the Upper Charles Trail in Ashland and in Sherborn. In addition, it supports the rail trail in Medfield. Upper Charles also shared the Holliston Conservation Commission's policy regarding Tree Restoration and Remediation in that town. Justine will share this written policy with the Dover Open Space Committee.

(5) Massachusetts Audubon Society (MAS): At Broadmoor in Sherborn, MAS will be initiating a culling of deer. Broadmoor has also raised money to renovate/replace a 410'

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long boardwalk there. Lastly, Mark will be retiring from the Boardmoor Advisory Committee and seeking a replacement.

(6) Norfolk Hunt Club: Per Amey, the Hunt Club will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary with a celebration on Saturday, May 30th.

B. Dover Board of Health (BOH)

(1) Water Resource Study Committee: Justine reported that the consultants at Kleinfelder presented a draft of its report on water quantity, quality, and water conservation enforcement issues to the Water Resource Study Committee on February 12, 2020. Edits are being made on the document. A public meeting is being planned for April 8th to present the final report.

(2) Animal Regulation Sub-Committee: Henry reported that his wife Kate Faulkner is heading a sub-committee that is researching BOH regulations in other towns that pertain to horses and other animals that are commonly found on farms.

C. Dover Conservation Commission (ConCom): Amey reported that the ConCom is revising its regulations concerning the “no touch” and “no structure” zones that fall under its jurisdiction. If homeowners violate its regulations, the ConCom can issue an enforcement order that is filed at the registry of deeds.

D. Dover Planning Board (PB): Per Henry, the PB may update its regulations regarding accessory apartments and prohibitions regarding subdivisions off dead end streets.

E. Dover Parks and Recreation Commission: There may be consolidation of workers who maintain municipal land under the current Cemetery Commission, Parks and Rec Commission, and the Highway Department. The workers would be under the supervision of the BOS through the Highway Department.

F. Dover Board of Selectmen: The Friends of the Greenway are having difficulties negotiating a lease with the MBTA for the creation of a rail trail in Dover. Apparently, the MBTA prefers to negotiate with municipalities and not with not-for-profit organizations. So, it’s unclear what the future of these negotiations will be.

Amey adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justine Kent-Uritam