

DOVER OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Meeting Held via Zoom

Members in Attendance: Amey Moot (Chair), Boynton Glidden, Paul Wood, Greg Kahoun, Henry Faulkner, Tara Nolan, Valerie Lin, Mark Adamczyk, Justine Kent-Uritam, and Tim Holiner.

Absent: Fred Hartman, John Jeffries (BOS) and liaison Jerry Arnold (LRP)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

I. Minutes: The minutes of April 7th were not available and vote was deferred to next meeting.

II. Board Updates:

1. Open Space Committee:

- a. **Public Walks:** Since the stay at home order has been extended, there will be no public walks in May. OSC is hoping the June walk will be possible and decided to change to location to Springdale Farm.
- b. There was discussion about how busy Noanet, Medfield State and Elm Bank have been with people eager to get outside during COVID. Also, the Committee discussed jurisdictional issues regarding the boat launch on Bridge Street as well as boat speeds on the river and risks from invasives largely as a result of motor boats going in and out of various bodies of water.
- c. **Mapping Project:** Greg discussed the new website and said the better performance would enable better communications. Notices would be able to go out simultaneously on Twitter, Facebook and etc. Amey added new walking places to the open space resource list and the new website will have several other updates. She is working with Greg on reissuance of maps, as well as coordinating text descriptions of the walks, location, rules and where to park. Hopefully, this will facilitate access and expand use of open spaces. Amey also noted two apps that look interesting: iNaturalist and eBird which allow people to use phones to tag species/sightings.
- d. **Trustees of Reservations:** Most properties in Dover are still listed as closed to prevent people from coming from one location to another and increasing risk of COVID spread. Also, TTOR is trying various methods of managing beachgoing. Crane Beach will be limited and online pre-registration with first couple weeks to season pass holders and then open to the general public.
- e. **Dover Land Conservation Trust:** They have not had a meeting in a while
 - i. **Dover Church parcel** – The diversity in perspective on value persists. Greg said he had seen where some site work was done presumably in an effort to determine the number of viable lots. OSC members noted there are also issues regarding streams, springs and ledge on the site which would impact the number of lots.
- f. **Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust:** Justine was pleased to report how much used the UCCLT trails and properties have been. These places have been a great resource for people during the pandemic.
- g. **Mass Audubon:** Reservations remain closed until the State opens. It was noted by several people that Elm Bank is mobbed and overrun with unleashed and unruly dogs. The first MarComm meeting will be May 14th.

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- h. Hale Reservation: Hale developed a neat color-coded system for monitoring parking on its web site.
 - i. Norfolk Hunt Club: Everything has been cancelled for Spring. The Gala is slated for September 12th followed by the polo match on the 13th. The horse show will be moved to later in the summer.
2. Board of Health
- a. Justine attended recent meeting where 19 Center Street draining onto parking lot of Grace Church was discussed.
 - b. Water Committee: No recent meetings.
 - c. The prevalence of ticks was again mentioned
3. Conservation Commission
- There was discussion of the impact of 26 Haven Street cutting about 50 trees on a lot abutting Meeting House Hill as well as plans to certify the vernal pools in Wylde Woods. The next BOH meeting will be May 13th and Haven Terrace is on the agenda.
4. Planning Board
- The new draft dead end street proposal was discussed.
5. Park and Recreation
- Park and Rec is trying to figure out plans for using facilities outdoors and Caryl Center in a manner that is safe.

The next meeting is June 2. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm