

DOVER OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Meeting Held via Zoom

Members in Attendance: Amey Moot (Chair), Boynton Glidden,, Greg Kahoun, Henry Faulkner, Tara Nolan, Valerie Lin, Mark Adamczyk, Justine Kent-Uritam, Tim Holiner, John Jeffries (BOS liaison) and Jerry Arnold (LRP liaison)

Absent: Fred Hartman, Paul Wood

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

- I. **Minutes:** The minutes of April 7th were accepted unanimously. May 5th minutes were distributed for review and will be considered at the next meeting (September 8th)

II. Board Updates:

A) Open Space Committee:

1. Public Walks: We discussed possibly having a walk on July 11th, with the most likely location being 46 Springdale, due to the availability of parking space at the lot at Channing Pond. Before committing we will need to have a plan to meet Social Distancing requirements, including pre-registration of participants.

There was discussion about how various trails around town with the increase in traffic due to people eager to get outside during COVID. Greg K mentioned that he's seen a number of new trails that have been created, mostly in Noanet and Hale. Amey noted that there were a large number of cars parked at the Bridge Street parking lot last weekend, with the police showing up to deal with it.

2. Mapping Project: No update.
3. Trustees of Reservations: Most properties are now open. They will be having summer camps. The Trustees CSA farms (including Powisset) have an online farm store with curbside pickup.
4. Dover Land Conservation Trust: They did have a meeting, mostly discussing finances and property maintenance issues.
 - i. Dover Church parcel – a divergence in perspective on value still persists.
5. Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust: The UCCLT trails and properties have been open and were never shut down during the pandemic. They were often very busy.
6. Mass Audubon: They have a new president. Reservations are opening up again, including Broadmoor, with rules in place to limit the number of concurrent visitors. They will not be having in-person camps this summer.
7. Elm Bank – Open and crowded.
8. Hale Reservation: No update on whether or not Hale will be having camps this summer.
9. Norfolk Hunt Club: Working on trying to have some sort of safe (social distancing) events, perhaps a modified ride with riders separated by space and/or time.

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B) Board of Health

1. Nothing new regarding ticks.
2. Water Committee: The WRSC held a public meeting (via Zoom) to present the Completed Hydrology report on 6/9. The recent (and ongoing) issue of bacterial contamination of the water was discussed. There will be two meetings (one BOH/WRSC meeting, and then the BOS meeting) in the next two days for official and public discussion of the problem.
3. The new Animal Regulations report has been submitted.

C) Conservation Commission

1. Four vernal pools were certified by Paul McManus. He identified several other potential vernal pools to check next spring.
2. 46 Springdale – name, signage, no update.
3. The Haven Meadows project has been taking up the majority of their meetings, delaying other non-regulatory issues.

D) Planning Board

1. No update on Natural Resources Protection Zoning Working Group
2. The new draft dead-end street regulations have passed. They do not affect any current developments.

E) Park and Recreation

Park and Rec is starting to re-open facilities, based upon State guidance. They may have camps if the BOH gives the go-ahead, but nothing is definite at this point.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 8th at 7:30.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm