

Dover Open Space Committee Minutes
Thursday, March 4th, 2021
Via Zoom

Member Attendees: Amey Moot, Justine Kent-Uritam, Greg Kahoun, Val Lin, Tara Nolan, Connie Sullivan, Carol Lisbon, Fred Hartman

Guests: Henry Faulkner, John Jeffries (BOS liaison), Jerry Arnold (LRP liaison)

Not in Attendance: Tim Holiner, Mark Adamczyk, Boynton Glidden

1. The minutes of 2/2/21 were unanimously approved.
2. There was a discussion about the Red Robin Pastures 40B project currently before the ZBA. It was agreed that the OSC did not have a specific reason or need to provide comment to the ZBA.
3. Open Space Plan:
 - a. A revised Section 6 with a new Vision Statement was favorably received by the Committee.
 - b. A draft Section 7 was discussed with the understanding that the Land Use Director will be reviewing it. Suggestions for inclusion include a Farmer's Market, although location and supporting staff were identified as barriers, and a Right-To-Farm bylaw acknowledging that it has appeared in the Plan for many years with no action so it was recommended that a study of it actually occur.
 - c. Missing data for the Plan include current Census information, and The Trustees analysis of non-Dover resident usage of their Dover properties.
4. Updates
 - a. Walks: The Town has acquired a GoPro so it was suggested that a series of virtual walks be developed. At our April meeting, a schedule for the Spring should be developed.
 - b. Mapping Projects: Greg reviewed the various mapping activities he has identified, all aimed at providing more information on open space to users (e.g., points of interest, Garmin downloads with open vs private lands, names added to trail maps).
 - c. Trails: Discussion continued on developing new trails connecting 46 Springdale to abutting trails and coming up with a name approved by the Town for that property.
 - d. DLCT: CR activity is proceeding
 - e. Upper Charles Land Trust: The impact of recent droughts and windstorms is significant and highlights the need for increased stewardship and forest management.
 - f. Hale Reservation: Their land sale is being wrapped into a general campaign and a placeholder exists on the 5/2021 Town Meeting Warrant.
 - g. Hunt Club: A 125-year celebration is planned for the fall.
 - h. Water Resource Committee: There will be an insert in the March tax bill mailing to announce a water conservation education program and provide some springtime suggestions.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 4/6/2021

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Lisbon