

CITY OF GLOUCESTER

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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Meeting Minutes January 14, 2016

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Meeting at Cape Ann Savings Bank, Community Room, 123 Main St. Preceded by Stage Fort Park Grant Public Meeting

Members Present: Stephen Winslow, Susan Hedman, Charlie Crowley, Heidi Wakeman, John McElhenny, Jerry Goulart

Guests : Ellen Preston (~~city planner~~) *ack'd*

Meeting start 7:30 (late start due to first meeting) - Minutes of November OSRC meeting were read and accepted.

Ellen Preston visited the meeting to express a desire to keep the Fuller School Field preserved as the property may be changing from a school.

CPA (Community Preservation Act) Charlie Crowley announced that he will be stepping down from the position of OSRC liaison to the CPA. He is finishing this years grant cycle and the committee will need to find a new volunteer. Charlie delineated the overall duties of this committee position and noted that the CPA meetings are the second Tuesday of the month.

Committee Chairperson John McElhenny recognized Charlie Crowley for his service in this capacity over many years and thanked him for his contribution.

Dogtown Conservation The committee has been concerned that the agreement with state to purchase property under conservation protection has not been enforced. There is no management plan and DPW does not follow provisions of the original agreements. The OSRC recognized that is is a problem and their needs to be an different arrangement. It was also noted that the Conservation Commission is also not doing management that should fall under their umbrella. The OSRC perceives this as a problem that the ConsCom is so busy with permitting that conservation management is overlooked.

Complete Streets Policy Update nothing at this time.

Marble Road Property There has been no real action as of yet on the part of neighbors looking into adding this property to an adjacent conservation area. They were at our last meeting asking for assistance in this regard and we told they to contact the Greenbelt for professional assistance setting up and raising funds.

Magnolia Overlook/Hill possible TPL grant (Trustees for Public Land.)

Light up Mattos did not get the PARC grant

Stagefort Park Proposal to apply for Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, OSRC made a motion to support this action. Voted and the motion was carried.

Coastal Resiliency Grants were mentioned as another source for money to protect open space.

Inventory of Conservation/Public Lands in Gloucester Charlie spoke about the need for an accurate property inventory complete with designations for each parcel as part of our next OSRC Plan. Committee members concurred that this should be a goal for OSRC.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Hedman