



CITY OF GLOUCESTER

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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Minutes

Thursday October 20, 2016 - 6:30 PM
City Hall Annex, 3 Pond Road, Gloucester MA

Attendance: John McElhenny, Heidi Wakeman, Charlie Crowley, Gerry Goulart, Patti Amral
Stephen Winslow, City of Gloucester / Mass in Motion – Cape Ann

I. **Intro / Administrative**

- July 2016 meeting minutes - Approved

II. **Old Business**

- Complete Streets Priority Plan - Status
S. Winslow noted that the September 15 meeting was well attended. Several community members raised concern that the proposed roundabout could make it more difficult for trucks to get in and out of Commercial Street. The City developed revised drawings based on those comments and submitted those to MA DOT. [Ultimately MA DOT did not fund the project because it did not adequately address safety issues].

III. **New Business**

➤ Open Space and Trash

- Sand Cleaning Debris Piles at Beaches / Daily Litter Pick-up:
Patti Amaral noted issues with cleanliness around the beaches. Dog feces continues to be an issue. Concession stands use styrofoam food containers and have not been cleaning up as required by the contract. Many play toys sold there become trash. The dumpster was stinky and messy. The sand cleaning debris pile continues to grow.

Action: Invite Mark Cole to an upcoming OSRC meeting and also inform Scott Memhard

- Compost Area: Dogtown Committee will be asking that Mayor relocate the compost area / consider curbside pick-up. One alternate could be the West Gloucester stump dump. The committee also visited Brickend Farms in Hamilton / Wenham to observe their operations.

Action: Recommend calling for relocation in next Open Space & Recreation Plan

- O&A – Request to develop draft ordinance – No Action or Discussion
- Waterways License – Gloucester Maritime Viewing Platform – To late for discussion [Note: License Granted]
- Marston Trust Property – Dennison Road – No Action or Discussion

IV. Current Plan (2010 – 2017) Implementation

- Mass in Motion – Cape Ann – Regional Planning Efforts
 - Cape Ann Trails base map – S. Winslow noted that there will a “Transit to Trails” on October 14th. CATA will pick up people from the Gloucester Senior Center and transport them to Seine Field. The event is being sponsored by Essex County Greenbelt, Cape Ann Trails Stewards, CATA and the City to promote CATA as a means to access open space areas.

V. Future Plan (2018 – 2025) Development

- Review of Sections 1 – 4 – No major changes planned beyond updating the public process parts and the recommendations
- Example Survey – John and Heidi will work on a Gloucester specific survey based on example from Reading
- Forestry Section – This section needs to be added to discuss forest issues as well as street trees.
- Climate Change – members suggested that Climate Change should be a specific section
- Chapter 5 - Inventory – Charlie and Noel agreed to reach out to Gregg Cademartori in Planning, Dave Sargent in Shellfish, Dave Santementa from The Trustees of Reservations, Chris Lapointe of Greenbelt and Nick Holland of Cape Ann Trails Stewards to set up a meeting on how to develop a better inventory. Consideration should be given to seeing if CATS or some other organization could host an intern.

VI. Grant/Assistance Opportunities

- Light Up Mattos – a new bid package is being developed
- CPA Projects – The Community Preservation Committee recommended funding for projects at Burnham;s Field and Stage Fort Park
- Land and Water Conservation Fund – Stage Fort – The City has been offered this grant. OSRC members wanted an update on the status of the seawall project and when it would be done.

VII. Other Updates - None

VIII. Tabled Items -

- Dogtown – Conservation Restrictions – Status – Any update from Con Com ID of Self-Help Parcels
- North Gloucester Woods – Tax-title conversion to Conservation status –
 - May 24th presentation to City Council

Meeting Schedule 2016 (1 Minutes)

- *Next Meeting* – December 8, 2016

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