

**DOGTOWN PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 26th, 2023, at 5:30 PM**  
**City Council Conference Room, Dale Avenue, Gloucester.**

**Members Present:** Cindy Dunn (CD), Chair; Chris Leahy (CL); Charles Schade, Conservation Agent (CS); and Richard Quateman (RQ).

**Members Absent:** Leslie Nicholson (LN); Val Gilman (VG), appointed City Councilor; Mike Hale, DPW Director (MH).

CD recognized Jill Cahill's, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Gloucester, presence at the meeting.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of October 26, 2022, were reviewed. RQ made a motion to accept the minutes, CL seconded, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

RQ reported that the OSRC is meeting in person to finalize the new open space plan. They are meeting on the second Wednesday of the month when possible.

An invoice for \$190 was presented from DeRosa Environmental for a site visit to the compost facility and a scope of work. CL made a motion to approve the invoice, RQ seconded the motion, and the invoice was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Karen Karetsky of the Rockport Art Association has been in contact with CL about doing an art exhibit on Dogtown with multimedia artworks. Estimated dates would be September or October 2023. CL will keep the DPC advised.

The DPC discussed the compost facility and creating a memo to advise the mayor of its findings on what other communities are doing, and the need to find an alternate site as the site in Dogtown is conservation land. Some alternative suggestions may include a change in curbside collection of organic refuse to be taken outside the city; and assessing alternative locations for the compost facility, considering short to medium term solutions, while keeping the benefit to the community.

The DPC discussed having a stewardship event in April in Dogtown and reaching out to Cape Ann Trail Stewards (CATS) to see if they have any trail work planned in the spring.

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public were noted as attending the meeting and spoke at the meeting.

Alexandra D'Maris suggested looking to Black Earth Compost.  
Beverly Bembridge is in favor of leaving the compost facility alone.  
Pam Kamiski suggested looking at what Rockport does.  
Ron Roberts agrees with Beverly.  
Jan Jenkins noted that residents take the material away.  
Andy Desimone views the compost facility as a great resource.  
Jeff Brown is concerned that the DPC would work with CATS as he believes that CATS is a marketing agency.

Jill Cahill reminded residents that they should speak with their City Councilor(s) if they have a concern as the DPC is a voluntary advisory board only and is not regulatory.

The DPC tentatively set the next meeting for February 23<sup>rd</sup> pending the ability to book space at City Hall. RQ moved to adjourn, CL seconded, and the meeting adjourned by a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Dunn  
Chairperson