

**Gloucester Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of October 15, 2013 Meeting**

Members Present: Bill Dugan, Sandy Dahl-Ronan, Karen Gallagher, Charles Crowley, Stacy Randell, Scott Smith

Members Absent: J.J. Bell, Tom O’Keefe, John Feener

Staff Present: Debbie Laurie, Senior Project Manager

Others Present: Denton Crews, Friends of Good Harbor

The Meeting was opened by Sandy Dahl-Ronan, co-chair, at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 17, 2013 meeting of the CPC were reviewed, noting that the change should be made to reflect Stacy Randell is a “Ms.” and not a “Mr.”

Motion made by Mr. Crowley to Accept the Minutes as changed.

Motion seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

Motion Passed

Friends of Good Harbor

Denton Crews, representing the Friends of Good Harbor Beach, was in attendance to thank the Community Preservation Committee for their openness. The FOGH wanted us to know that they have been dealing with the family that owns Salt Island since May 17, 2013. The FOGH felt that the \$300,000 offer price for the island was fair. They felt the CPC (city) offer of half of the \$300,000 (\$150,000) was good. An additional offer of \$40,000 would have made to total purchase price of \$340,000.

The FOGH had a meeting last week and that they had attendance of 50 people. Currently, they are exploring additional projects, such as the marsh rehabilitation, walkways, signage for the beach, and dune fences.

CPC Co-Chair Sandy Dahl-Ronan invited Denton Crews and the Friends of Good Harbor Beach to return for future funding cycles. She expressed appreciation for their enthusiasm. Mr. Charles Crowley offered encouragement regarding Salt Island.

There was some discussion regarding eminent domain in regards to Salt Island.

Small Grants: There had been some discussion regarding small grants. Stuart Saginor addressed the committee’s concern via email (telephone?). He said that they haven’t seen small grant requests and that it is not a good idea to consider them.

Sandy Dahl-Ronan brought up public relations in Gloucester for the Community Preservation Act. The suggestion that there be “My View” columns in the Gloucester Daily Times, both individually by Committee members and as a group. Ms. Randell noted that the Committee has discussed the need for “My View” columns written by CPC members several times in past meetings. A tentative schedule was drafted so members could plan their columns with ample time for review by all prior to submission to the *Gloucester Daily Times*. The following list was generated as a start:

December - Charles Crowley

January - Stacy Randell

March: Karen Gallagher and Scott Smith
April: Bill Dugan

It was suggested that as part of a grant award going forward, the recipient would pen a “My View” for publication, at the 3rd reporting juncture.

Proposal of an “Awards Ceremony” to encompass previous award winners and to announce the current cycle grant awards. This gives added public relations and press.

Next Meeting

November 19, 2013 at 6:00 pm, City Hall’s 3rd Floor Conference Room.
Kenny Costa will be invited to attend the December 2013 meeting.

Adjournment

Motion made by Bill Dugan to Adjourn the Meeting
Motion seconded by Scott Smith
Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.