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19 July 2017 DAC Minutes

Dogtown Advisory Committee

Gloucester City Hall, 3rd floor conference room

July 19, 2017, 7:00 pm

Present: Rudina Enos, Mark Carlotto, Nick Holland, Tom Mikus, Noel Mann, Cindy Dunn, Charlie Crowley, Chris Leahy, Jen Holmgren, Val Gilman, Mary Devaney, Ted Tarr. **Accepted:** Meeting minutes of June 21.

1. Items not on the agenda

a. Cindy Dunn was voted Treasurer of the DAC.

b. Tim Simmon's plan for Greenbelt

A question was raised about the status of this initiative relating to acreage for controlled burns in Dogtown. Chris advised us that a draft of the plan is with Ed Becker and he will arrange for us to get a copy to read. Charlie reported that Mike Hale is very enthusiastic about what the DAC is doing in Dogtown.

c. OSR's Inventory of open spaces

Charlie described the revision of the inventory of Gloucester's open spaces, which involves a spreadsheet that conforms with the state's data columns. When the inventory is completed it will be submitted with the Open Space and Recreation Plan to the city and to the state, which is a prerequisite for getting grants.

d. Rules of Use

Val reminded that we need a Council Order with police approval for rules of use for Dogtown trails and open spaces, just as the city has rules of use for parks, beaches, quarries, and parking lots. The question was raised again of achieving uniformity considering the jurisdictional diversity among Gloucester, Rockport, non-profit, and private stakeholders in Dogtown. Charlie proposed that rules of use be attached to defined management districts. Steve Winslow and Noel Mann are working on the designation of management districts and will sort all the parcel numbers according to the management district type they belong to. The results will be ready in about 6 months, could be disseminated to stakeholders, and ultimately would support Council Orders for uniform rules of use for each type of district.

2. Status Reports

a. CATS initiatives to repair water crossings:

The boardwalk was successfully completed by Nick Holland, Mike McDonagh, Herb Stillman, and Henry Cooper.

On the Pearson Trail a large crossing also needs a boardwalk. Charlie advised about the need for permissions and suggested speaking with Dave Rimmer and doing less to avoid having to get permissions. He recommends that DAC avoid the building inspector, build low to the ground, and seek Concom perms only. That's what Greenbelt does.

b. DAC trail maps:

Dina will collect Sib's trail maps.

Nick has Linzee's trail maps (around 500 copies) and will fill the box on Cherry St. The question arose as to whether Greenbelt will distribute DAC maps or some other partner. Pros and cons regarding the marketing of Dogtown need further discussion. Maps should be in the Visitors Center, but where else at this time? Future distribution centers could include the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Alliance venues.

c. DAC money:

Sib's check for \$9485.12 has been deposited into the Gloucester Fund, acknowledged by Barry Pett. Charlie suggested the DAC do fund raising and apply for grants to add to the fund.

d. DAC web site:

The web site is up and running. Mary Ellen will give Mark and Cindy the access codes to the DAC web page, which runs off of the Historical Commission web site. Mary Ellen will upload the 1985 Management Plan for Dogtown on the web site. Mary Devaney requested amendments to the minutes for June regarding Rockport issues, which was done.

e. Review of Mark's KMZ Files:

Mark had sent these files to everyone, but there was no comment. He explained the value of using Google Earth to develop map layers. Charlie recommended the Essex GIS maps as models of excellence including open street maps. He reiterated that Gloucester should be using GIS. Mark plans to put Charlie's data into KMZ to add to data for his Dogtown map layers.

f. Val Gilman's letter campaigns:

Val has written to John Dunn, the CFO, and Nancy Papows, the Assessor. They need to know exactly where the five Stony Brook parcels are in order to put them on the Council Order Val is submitting. Noel agreed to provide this information. Val's Order will then get on the City Council agenda.

g. FY2017 MHC archaeological Survey & Planning grant

Mary Ellen reported that the archaeological survey of Dogtown will begin in September and that the scope of work still has to be approved by the Mass.

Historical Commission before the Gloucester Historical Commission can begin the procurement process.

h. Ted Tarr's 4th of July parades

The group thanked Ted for his outreach in the Gloucester, Rockport, and Manchester 4th of July parades, assisted by Cindy Dunn and Sandy Barry. Pictures of Ted's float (Humvee with posters and flags) were sent to everyone and will be put up on Facebook. Ted alerted the group to a *Windows to the Wild* production on Dogtown by Willem Lange of Manchester TV.

i. Friends of Dogtown plan for October "Dogtown Days"

Friends of Dogtown (FOD) has not met and has no plans. Mark needs assistance in managing this group, which remains essential for public support of Dogtown restoration projects and recreational and educational uses. Mary Ellen offered to give a slide show on the archaeology of Dogtown as a Dogtown Days event, but more organizing effort is needed. Dina offered to help, and it was suggested that Mark send an email to the FOD contact list to try to get things going.

3. Stump Dump price list and action plan

Nick researched the cost of commercial stump removal and sent everyone the price list. Estimated cost of removing the large stumps in the area around where the sifter is parked, just to left of Dogtown Rd., is \$500 (Triaxle \$250 X 2). Charlie pointed out that Concom has a legal responsibility to do this. The city is in violation of state law by converting the area to wrong/other uses. Charlie moved that the DAC send a letter to Concom requesting that they pay for removing stumps. Seconded by Cindy and unanimaously approved.

4. Presentation on the Friends of Lynn Woods

This suggestion for getting more information about Article 97 protections, jurisdiction issues, and conservation restrictions was not acted upon but may be taken up in future.

5. Revision of the 1984 management plan for Dogtown

Mark sent a pdf of this document to everyone for discussion, but Charlie suggested that a sub-committee be formed to do the line-by-line revision. A committee was duly formed with Charlie and Nick as the co-chairs. Chris and Noel will also be on this committee, which will meet on July 26 at 3:30 at Nick's house at 11 Jebeka, Gloucester. Mary Ellen suggested that the committee also refer to the Dogtown section of the OSR plan for 2011-2017.

Next DAC meeting: Wednesday, August 16, 7pm, 3rd floor City Hall

Note: Cindy will take minutes of the August meeting. The room has already been reserved, but there needs to be an agenda for it, and that agenda will need to be posted as an email attachment 3 weekdays or more in advance to agendas@gloucester-ma.gov.

