

August 16, 2017 DAC Minutes

A meeting of the Dogtown Advisory Committee was held on August 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the 3rd floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

Present: Rudina Enos, Mark Carlotto, Nick Holland, Cindy Dunn, Chris Leahy, Mary Devaney, Ted Tarr. Ed Becker and Gardner Winchester II.

Accepted: Meeting minutes of July 19, 2016. Upon motion made by Cindy and seconded by Nick – the minutes of July 19 were approved by unanimous vote, with one change: “Charlie Crowley made the motion to send a letter to the Con Com.” Cindy will make the change and post the minutes to the City website.

Status Reports:

- 1) FY2017 Mass Historical Commission (MHC) Archaeological Survey: Mary Ellen was unable to attend the meeting but let Mark know via email the following: The MHC has approved the RFP prepared by the Gloucester Historical Commission (GHC) and the City. The MHC will next send a contract for the City to sign and a list of the 3 or 4 firms in the state who are qualified to apply for a permit to do archaeology. The GHC will then solicit responses to our RFP from these firms, evaluate their applications, and choose one as our consultants. Then the consultants will sign a contract with the MHC and the City. The archaeologists should be on the job sometime in September.
- 2) DAC trail maps: Dina will call Sib and try to get the remaining maps.
- 3) Nick had 2,000 copies of the maps made and purchased a mail box to place at the Summit Road Entrance. Upon motion made by Cindy and seconded by Dina, the committee approved the expenditure of \$491.48. Cindy will request the funds from the Gloucester Funds to reimburse Nick.
- 4) Johnson’s Road Development: Mary and Mark made a presentation to Rockport Historical Commission to ask for their support in writing a letter pertaining to the historical significance of the Blance lot on Johnson Road. Mark will send a copy of the presentation to the DAC members. The RHC did agree to write a letter. There is concern that allowing development of the Blance lot will allow for more development on Johnson Road. The committee discussed the overall jurisdiction of the DAC in relation to Rockport issues. The DAC members all agreed that the DAC should be involved in issues that affect Dogtown regardless of municipal boundaries. Mary will take the lead and keep the DAC informed on Planning and Select board meetings about this issue.
- 5) The subcommittee of Chris, Charlie and Nick are reviewing the 1985 Dogtown report with the goal of creating a new updated document. Chris is working on the

ecological piece and Charlie and Nick are working on the open space and ownership piece.

- 6) The new boardwalk was damaged shortly after it was installed. Gardner reported that he and others pick up a lot of trash in the area as it is a party spot. A group of mountain bikers put the boardwalk back in place. Nick and Herb will secure it back in place. Gardner offered to help.
- 7) Stump dump restoration project: Mark reached out to both the Con Com and the DPW concerning the stump dump. Nick reached out to Carrie Fryklund for prices to take the stumps at her compost facility. The DPW is willing to transport the stumps to Fryklund but does not have the funds to pay Fryklund. The Con Com was noncommittal on paying. Cindy and Mark will meet with Carrie at the site and get a pre-price to present to the DAC and Con Com.

Presentation on the Friends of Lynn Woods experience with Article 97 protection, and conservation restrictions by Ed Becker: Lynn Woods, at 2,200 acres, is the second largest municipal park in the greater Boston area, and provides the drinking water for the residents of Lynn and surrounding communities. The Friends formed in the early 90's to clean up the woods and restore the historical tower after many years of neglect. The Lynn Woods is managed by the Lynn DPW, Lynn Parks and the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission. The Lynn Woods has a full time Park Ranger and could be a model for Dogtown. They are trying to get conservation restrictions on the current parcels that are under Chapter 97 protection via the legislature. Ed will keep the DAC updated on the progress of this effort. The website for the Friends is www.lynnwoods.org.

Next DAC meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 7pm, 3rd floor City Hall