

September 20, 2017 DAC Minutes

A meeting of the Dogtown Advisory Committee was held on September 20, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the 3rd floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

Present: Mark Carlotto, Mary Ellen Lepionka, Rudina Enos, Nick Holland, Cindy Dunn, Herb Stillman, Mary Devaney, Ted Tarr, and Jeff Brown.

Approval of Minutes. Upon motion made by Nick, and seconded by Mary Ellen, the minutes of the meeting held on August 16, 2017 were approved by unanimous vote.

Bob McKown offered his resignation as he felt he did not have time to commit to the DAC. Mark accepted his resignation.

Mark suggested that the DAC add Herb Stillman as a member. Upon motion made by Mark, and seconded by Mary Ellen, Herb was added to the DAC by unanimous vote.

Status Reports – Old Business:

- 1) DAC trail maps: Dina collected 2,250 maps from Sib. Nick reported that the map can't be edited but that he would see if someone from CATS could create a vector file for editing.
- 2) FY2017 Mass Historical Commission (MHC) Archaeological Survey: Mary Ellen advised the DAC that the Public Archeology Laboratory (PAL) has been selected to do the Archaeological Survey of Dogtown. The next step is to have the Historical Commission recommend approval of PAL at its 9/25/2017 meeting, and have the contract signed by the City of Gloucester. Mary Ellen anticipates the work will begin in October.
- 3) Herb is working with Gloucester High School to construct and install some bridges in Dogtown. The bridges will be stamped by an engineer. Nick added that Varian has donated some fund to CATS for an Earth Day event and perhaps an additional bridge could be constructed and installed as part of this event. Mary Ellen suggested the DAC form a committee to plan an event to coincide with the installation. Mark will join and involve the Friends of Dogtown.
- 4) Stump dump restoration project: Cindy and Mark met with Carrie Fryklund at the site and she quoted a price of \$3,000 to accept the stumps at her facility. The DPW has offered to remove and transport the stumps but does not have the money to pay the fee. The Conservation Commission is also not able to pay the fee. Upon motion made by Mark, and seconded by Mary Ellen, the DAC approved paying \$3,000 to Carrie Fryklund to accept the stumps with the understanding that the site would not be used for future dumping. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Cindy will put the expenditure through the Gloucester Fund and advise the DAC when Carrie receives the check.

- 5) The subcommittee of Chris, Charlie and Nick are reviewing the 1985 Dogtown report with a focus on restoration and maintenance. Chris came up with a sample outline for the ecological piece that Nick and Charlie can use for the trails, land use and mapping. Mary Ellen will give input on the history and culture.

New Business:

Mark reported that Tim Simmons identified 4 areas in Dogtown that could be restored: 1) the stump dump/party site; 2) Vivian's Brook; 3) the old Winslow Farm; and the site of Marsden Hartley "Summer Outward Bound" painting.

There being no further business the next DAC meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2017 at 7pm, in the 3rd floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

Upon motion made by Nick, and seconded by Cindy, the meeting was adjourned.