

October 18, 2017 DAC Minutes

A meeting of the Dogtown Advisory Committee was held on October 18, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the 3rd floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

Present: Mark Carlotto, Mary Ellen Lepionka, Nick Holland, Cindy Dunn, Herb Stillman, Charlie Crowley, Tom Mikus, Val Gilman and Jim Ryan.

Approval of Minutes. Upon motion made by Mary Ellen, and seconded by Mark, the minutes of the meeting held on September 20, 2017 were approved by unanimous vote.

New Business:

- 1) Clean Up at Goose Cove Reservoir – Val and Cindy asked for support for a clean up to be held at the Reservoir on October 29th at 8:30 to 9:30 am; and the possibility of doing some restoration of the Gee Avenue entryway. Future restoration could include a kiosk, consolidation of the signs and clipping the entryway. Mark offered to let the Friends of Dogtown know about the cleanup. The DAC will keep the other options on the table for future projects. Val also reported that a member of Dog Friendly Gloucester has begun developing a water quality brochure that we could possibly use. Mark and Charley both mentioned that a broader brochure, outlining both the threats to and how we can protect conservation land, would be a good project for the DAC.
- 2) Jim Ryan presented some beautiful hand drawn maps he made of the Gloucester and Rockport quarries. Jim offered his help when the Dogtown Maps are revised.

Old Business:

- 3) Stump dump restoration project: Cindy reported that Carrie Fryklund has received the check. Mark has let the DPW know that Fryklund is ready to receive the stumps. Mark will check in with the DPW again to get a timeframe on when the stumps will actually be removed. DAC will also work with the ConCom and the DPW to ensure that the site will not be used for stump dumping in the future. A subcommittee of Cindy, Charley and Mark was set up for further explore other options for composting.
- 4) FY2017 Mass Historical Commission (MHC) Archaeological Survey: Mary Ellen reported that the contract with the Public Archeology Laboratory (PAL) has been approved. Mary Ellen has given PAL all of her files. PAL has already started developing a methodology for the study and will be on site in November. Mark and Nick will help with maps and site visits.
- 5) Herb and Nick continue to work on developing and scoping out some bridge work in Dogtown to coincide with Earth Day and the Varian donation. The Mill site proposed

bridge may have some issues as it eventually leads to the MBTA railroad tracks. Cindy offered to speak with an attorney acquaintance at the MBTA to get their thoughts.

- 6) Tom reported that the Johnson Road decision on the 900-foot sewer line has been approved but may be challenged. Tom will update the DAC at the November meeting.

There being no further business the next DAC meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 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.