

## November 15, 2017 DAC Minutes

A meeting of the Dogtown Advisory Committee was held on November 15, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

**Present:** Mark Carlotto, Mary Ellen Lepionka, Nick Holland, Cindy Dunn, Herb Stillman, Charlie Crowley, Noel Mann, Dina Enos, Mary Devaney, Chris Leahy, Bill Remsen, Steve Whittey, Eric Hutchins and Kristen Heitert.

**Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion made by Mary Ellen, and seconded by Charlie, the minutes of the meeting held on October 18, 2017 were approved by unanimous vote.

### **Business:**

- 1) Maps for Sale: Dina reported that she has about 1,250 of the maps and will reach out to the bookstores to see if they are in need.
- 2) New Map of Dogtown: Mark reported that Jim Ryan, who presented his quarry maps at the last DAC meeting, wants to create a large map of Dogtown. Mark is going to work with Jim on getting the layers that he needs.
- 3) Dogtown Management Plan: Chris reported that the sub-committee feels that the previous 1985 plan is sound but does need updating. The sub-committee of Nick, Chris and Charlie are working to update the relevant pieces. Mary Ellen is providing the historic and cultural piece. Once the sub-committee has a draft of the revised plan, they will present it to the entire DAC for review.
- 4) Stump dump restoration project: Cindy reported that Carrie Fryklund let her know that the DPW is working with RB Strong to get the stumps transported to Fryklund's property. The DAC members are not clear what the DPW will do with stumps in the future and that this must be addressed. The whole issue of the future of the compost facility will also be looked at by a sub-committee of DAC.
- 5) Foot Bridges: 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 of labor. Herb is going to begin the permitting process, which should reveal any potential issues with any of the planned sites.
- 6) FY2017 Mass Historical Commission (MHC) Archaeological Survey: Kristen Heitert, Senior Archeologists, with Public Archeology Laboratory (PAL) attended the DAC meeting to give the DAC a preview of her work to date. Kristen and her team are in Phase I of the project. They have completed 2 out of 3 planned days of field work. She has taken over 300 photos and has gathered lots of written material looking for post-contact (historical) and archaeological resources within Dogtown. Kristen will be

presenting her findings and the next steps in the application process at a public meeting on November 29, 2017 at 7 pm in the Auditorium at City Hall. Members of the Massachusetts Historical Commission will also be in attendance to present general information on getting on the National Register.

Chris asked Kristen if a National Register designation can hamper any potential ecological restoration in Dogtown. Kristen responded that the designation does not supersede any planned use of a property. It is a recognition by the National Park Service that a property is significant. No further review of the property is triggered by the designation unless there is state or federal involvement in a proposed project. In that case review would be done by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The DAC thanked Kristen for attending the meeting.

In the interest of time, other agenda items were tabled until the next DAC meeting.

The next DAC meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 7pm, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

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