

## April 18, 2018 DAC Minutes

A meeting of the Dogtown Advisory Committee (DAC) was held on April 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

**Present:** Mark Carlotto, Charlie Crowley, Cindy Dunn, Noel Mann, Dina Enos, Mary Devaney, Monica Lawton, and Eric Hutchins.

**Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion made by Charlie, and seconded by Mark, the minutes of the meeting held on February 21, 2018 were approved by unanimous vote.

The March DAC meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

### Old Business and Reports:

- 1) **National Registry Designation by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC):** Mary Ellen was unable to attend the DAC meeting and will provide an update on the progress at the next meeting. Erik mentioned that some of the trail locations may need editing. Mark suggested Erik reach out to Mary Ellen and Kristen Heitert of PAL with comments and edits.
- 2) **Revised Management Plan:** Charlie made a list of Dogtown parcels in Gloucester and is now hoping Nick will map it. There was a question as to what protection the NE Forestry Foundation land has and whether they could sell it. Mary and Noel will find out this information. Monica suggested reaching out to knowledgeable Rockport residents to get similar information on the Rockport parcels of Dogtown.
- 3) **Stump Dump Restoration Project:** Cindy reached out to Mike Hale. Mike committed to having all the stumps removed by the end of April in time for the May 6<sup>th</sup> event. Mike added that it is more likely the stumps would be gone by the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. Mark suggested that we have a steward day at the site before the May 6<sup>th</sup> event to make sure it is ready for the public. The consensus of the DAC members was to have the steward day on Saturday, April 28 from 9 am to noon. All agreed to get the word out.

### New Business:

- 1) **Need for messaging the efforts and goals of DAC:** DAC members discussed the need to promote the accuracy of our efforts to contest some misinformation that is circulating in the community. This messaging could take place in the form of a FAQ.

The FAQ/messaging should highlight that we are trying to preserve Dogtown for future generations and that includes: 1) ensuring the parcels are legally and properly

protected; 2) promoting restoration efforts to increase biological diversity; and 3) recognizing the cultural and historical aspects of Dogtown.

This FAQ will be further developed at future DAC meetings with more brainstorming and as our efforts become more detailed. Mark asked Monica to help with this piece.

**2) Upcoming Dogtown Events:**

- a. The Cape Ann Trail Stewards (CATS) is holding a 5-mile trail run through Dogtown on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. All are asked to promote and attend the event.
- b. Dogtown Days 2018 - May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>

The next DAC meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7pm, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

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