

May 16, 2018 DAC Minutes

A meeting of the Dogtown Advisory Committee (DAC) was held on May 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the 3rd floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

Present: Mark Carlotto, Charlie Crowley, Noel Mann, Mary Devaney, Monica Lawton, Eric Hutchins, Val Gilman, Tom Mikus, Nick Holland, Herb Stillman

1) Approval of Minutes. Upon motion made by Mark, and seconded by Charlie, the minutes of the meeting held on April 18, 2018 were approved by unanimous vote.

2) Old Business and Reports:

a) **National Registry Designation by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC):** The DAC reviewed Mary Ellen's draft summary of the National Register (NR) designation as it relates to Dogtown in response to some public concerns over the project and decided to provide URL links to relevant state and federal sites that explain the process and what the designation means. Perhaps because the NR is listed under the National Park Service some believe that there is a plan to turn Dogtown into park. As a result, a motion was made by Mark, seconded by Charlie, and approved by unanimous vote stating that there is no effort by the DAC or the City to turn Dogtown into a park of any kind.

b) **Dogtown Management Plan:** Charlie updated the group on the Dogtown Management Plan Subcommittee's activities related to developing a broader definition of Dogtown, beyond the NR historic area.

c) **First Mill footbridge deployment:** On account of recent flooding and the expansion of an upstream beaver dam, the plan to install a footbridge built by Herb Stillman and the GHS woodshop at the old First Mill site has been put on hold. An alternative location a hundred feet or so downstream is being considered. Eric will also look into the permitting process.

d) **Dogtown Days:** A cleanup of the former stump dump was organized by DAC just prior to the FoD's event. Mark reported the event was a success and attendees were pleased to see the progress being made in cleaning up Dogtown.

e) **CATS Dogtown Trail Run:** Nick stated the correct date of the event is Sunday May 20.

3) **New Business:**

a) **Compost area concerns:** Nick will prepare a memorandum listing ecological and public health concerns over the dumping of street sweepings by the City at the compost area, the presence of invasive plants in brush dropped off by the public, and runoff from the compost area into ecologically sensitive areas.

b) **Stump dump:** Concerns over what the City will do with stumps in the future and the need to work with DPW to develop an alternative solution were discussed.

The next DAC meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7pm, in the 3rd floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

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