

# City Of Gloucester Open Space Committee

## Meeting Minutes February 16 2012 5:30 pm

Attendance: John McIlhenny, Patti Amaral, Charlie Crowley, Heidi Wakeman, Susan Hedman, Stephen Winslow, Noel Mann

Guests: Nick Holland, Alan Davis

Eagle scout Alan Davis proposed a project for adding QR codes on simple posts in Dogtown that would link to an informational website on the history of the area. Estimated 15 - 20 posts and the project would take 100 hours and would eventually be added to the city website. The Council voted to support this proposal in concept. Committee voted 5 positive, 1 negative vote from Susan Hedman. She would like to see this be inclusive of all people, not just smart phone users. Suggestions were made to create links for other users.

Heidi Wakeman officially approved by the City Council

### **Grants/CPA-**

CPA has 3 goals- affordable housing / historic Preservation / Open Space

Charlie Crowley is our liaison to the CPA

process involves a first round of project eligibility / then grant applications reviewed in March. Charlie pointed out that CPA has already approved an annual \$215,000 grant set aside for City Hall so that historic preservation is already funded

Open Space Possible projects: North Gloucester Woods Appraisals / Brier Neck Preservation

### **Clean Team**

Boston Public Health Commission/ Get Fit Gloucester has been continued with a \$40,000 grant

**Mattos Field** Idea to take the older lights from Newell Stadium to be reused at Mattos field

**Brier Neck Project** would like to see Lisa Press Conservation Agent get involved and look into land grants for this site

**North Gloucester Woods** Open Space Committee wants to see this area be designated as park land to avoid any possibility of the city being able to sell this land for development Motion to accept letter to ask City Council to create a North Woods Reservation. Vote all in favor

**Mount Ann /Red Rocks Parking** draft letter to inquire about the use of state land to increase parking for these sites

**Committee to Improve Ordinances for Open Space** – Charlie, Patti, and Susan volunteered

**Gloucester Walks** Maps for pedestrians and bike riders

**Dog Park** Open Space Committee asking to get a progress report on the dog park group. money is going in to the Gloucester Fund and Dusky Foundation is matching money

**Rotary Club** Looking to make improvements to the band stand at Stagefort Park and will be pursuing grants for money to do this

7:10 meeting adjourned