

Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 18, 2012

CITY OF GLOUCESTER

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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attending members:

Steve Winslow, John McElhenny, Heidi Wakeman, Patti Amaral, Susan Hedman, Charlie Crowley

Digital Dogtown: The trail markers for the digital dogtown project by eagle scout Alan Davis are in the ground and completed. Group suggested that city hall should recognize the effort of this young man in making a project that contributes to the community.

North Gloucester Woods: ordinance meeting with Gregg Cademetori, Suzanne Egan (city solicitor) and Mike Hale (DPW)

Connections-Complete Streets Initiative: Heidi Wakeman organized a public meeting Oct. 10 at city hall to get public input on this project to make bike riding safer in Gloucester with improved signage and posted bike routes.. Melissa Cox and Steve Winslow attended. "Get Fit Gloucester" can assist with funding. Nov. 1 another meeting scheduled

Mt Ann Red Rocks

Charlie met with Nick Holland. Need a diagram for parking. Charlie noticed that some wood lots in the area are listed as being behind on city taxes and could end up being taken for back taxes. These could be of great use in creating an access trail to MT Ann.

Burnhams Field : requests for development plans- 7 acres, master plan design estimate \$50,000 and \$290,000 to do the work. Proposals are due one week from today from qualified firms. Funding through Community Development Block Grant and Rubinchuck State Grant

North Gloucester Woods: CPA application goes to budget and finance on Oct 4th

Newell Stadium: most funds have been raised privately \$3 million raised, small contribution from from CPA money equaling only 8% of the project Newell Stadium Construction underway

BrierNeck Land Grant: City Council voted not to support a bond. There are many other open space areas in the city that could use protection through a land grant

Tompson St: Greenbelt had an opening ceremony for the new land acquired through CPA funding. This included a new parking area. This will help with public access to this large open space.

Magnolia Woods want to improve fields and walking paths

Mattos Field: still in dire need of improvement

Patti Amaral suggested ordinance to make dumpsters have fencing around them to avoid debris blowing into wetlands

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

minutes submitted by Susan Hedman