

Open Space & Recreation Committee Meeting 1/16/2014

Members Present:

Steve Winslow
Patti Amaral
Noel Mann
Heidi Wakeman
Susan Hedman
John McElhenny

Guests: Jerome Goulart

Minutes:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Members voted to accept minutes of 11/21/13.
- 2) Jerome Goulart introduced himself and provided a letter of interest. Heidi motioned to recommend Jerry's nomination to OSRC. Susan seconded the motion.
- 3) Consolidation of Parks & Recreation Committee and OSRC: Steve took input from our last meeting and created an ordinance to create that new committee. He will take the ordinance to Planning and Development Committee next week.
- 4) Steve mentioned the need to identify ALL stakeholders before the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee is created. The 400th anniversary of Gloucester/Stage Fort Park is in 2023.
- 5) New Way Lane Access: Patti will talk to Bill Fonvielle (Ward 5 Councillor) re: access.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6) **Bike Ordinance:** Steve used Mass in Motion Money to paint bike lanes (last summer) and we need to recommend that the mayor approves the repainting & refreshing of existing lanes & crosswalks for the summer of 2014. Additionally, we need to ask City Council to make the Bicycle Ordinance permanent & make an appropriation. The line item should cover bike lanes and crosswalks. To refresh would cost 10,000.00, to repaint, using thermal plastic would cost 30K. Noel motioned to recommend this, Susan seconded. A minimum of 10,000 is recommended to be allocated for painting/stripping.
- 7) **Staffing:** Steve is speaking with Development Director & Public Health Director re: future staffing. Americorps has been in contact with Steve re: a team of volunteers. He will forward information to Nick Holland & Mark Cole.
- 8) **Preservation:** Noel reported that she had spent time looking at signage for all entries into woods. Wants to recommend that ALL motorized vehicles be disallowed for North Gloucester & Dogtown. She is looking into creation of a sign, and is working with CATS (Cape Ann Trail Stewards).
- 9) **North Gloucester Woods Update:** Steve spoke with Natalie Simon: re: Bianchini Parcel. She does not want to formalize anything with the city. The Quinn parcel owners turned town city offers. Steve will follow up with city treasurer and additional title work with owners unknown.
- 10) **CPA:** CPC voted an extra \$122K for Burnham's Field. Steve has heard interest from neighbors connecting Dodge St. to Green St. Field/Park. Patti shared that the Mattos Field request was approved. The motto is "Light Up Mattos."
- 11) **New Grant Opportunity:** Governor Patrick is giving cities \$200K to put into a park or playground.
- 12) **Goals:** Heidi suggests that each member bring a goal for 2014 to our next meeting.
- 13) **Adjourned:** Patti motions to adjourn, Susan seconds. All agree. Meeting adjourned.